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PAYMENTS FOR THE ROSS RIFLES

Auditor General Interposed Objection to Further Advances

NEW INSURANCE MEASURE

British Government's Position in Regard to All-Red Scheme

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—Volume two of the Auditor General's report, presented to the House of Commons today, shows that two members of the House drew no sessional indemnity last year, owing to absence from sittings. They are Joseph E. Seagram and E. B. Osler.

The report contains a series of letters between the Auditor General and the Militia department relating to the payment in advance of 75 per cent. of the price for some 25,000 Ross rifles ordered by the department. The auditor on June last refused to authorize further advances to the company on this account on the ground that the company had failed to deliver the rifles within the time specified in its contract. Finally, after an order in council was passed last August, extending the time limit of delivery of the rifles ordered, the auditor's embargo was removed. As the matter now stands, 15,000 rifles are to be delivered before July 1, 1908, and 10,000 before June 1, 1908.

The long-expected insurance bill was introduced by Mr. Biddling in the House today, but the Minister of Finance said no discussion was challenged on it at the present time. The bill will be referred to the banking and commerce committee, so that the companies and others who desire to be heard on the subject will have an opportunity. In a nutshell, the main provisions of the bill are: Powers of the Minister enlarged; trust funds of foreign companies must be under trust of Canadian companies; distribution of surplus once in two years; expenses of new and old business must be kept separate; no commissions for officials at head offices; no salary over \$5,000 except with sanction of the board of directors; standard provisions for policies.

Sir Thomas Trowbridge, head of the Blackstock Bay East Atlantic syndicate, interviewed Premier Laurier and his colleagues today. He says the British government will not add any project that does not include the Pacific as well as the Atlantic. It must begin at Liverpool and end at Sydney, taking in New Zealand.

Mr. Stanfield, the newly elected member for Colchester, presided today at the opposition caucus. Work for the members during the holidays was planned.

Lunatic's Self-Destruction

Regina, Dec. 18.—While waiting at Lumsden for a train from the north last evening in charge of the police on route for Brandon asylum, George Hamilton, a Lumsden farmer, got away from Constable Jarvis and threw himself under the train as it pulled into the station. The unfortunate man was terribly injured, both legs being almost severed below the knee, and frightful injuries being inflicted to his skull. He was brought to this city and taken to the hospital, where he died today. Constable Jarvis, who had charge of the man, when he jumped under the wheels, had gone into barracks. An investigation will be held by the police.

NEWS SUMMARY

- 1—Affairs at Ottawa. Prairie telephone systems. Goldfield negotiations.
- 2—Lecture on Anglican church. Stoesel's trial. Death of Hon. J. I. Tarte.
- 3—Central Baptist young men banquet. Michael McHugh, convicted of selling liquor to Indians is released. Letters to the editor. General local news.
- 4—Editorial.
- 5—Note and comment. Forty years ago. About people. British press opinion. Hotel arrivals.
- 6—Big rush at the post office and express office. General local news.
- 7—Case of E. & N. vs. Fiddick adjourned. Court rules the chief commissioner of lands and works can change mind regarding timber licenses. The civic campaign. General local news.
- 8—In woman's realm.
- 9—Sport.
- 10—Marine.
- 11—The British Columbia fruit shows superiority at home and abroad.
- 12—Real estate advertisements.
- 13—Real estate advertisements.
- 14—News of the mainland.
- 15—Timber men of Victoria complete organization. Coroners jury returns verdict of death from natural causes in case of Chinaman who died in the police cells.
- 16—Prospectus of the Chartered Bank of British Columbia, advertisement.
- 17—Financial and commercial.
- 18—Classified want ads and real estate advertisements.
- 19—City will start an employment office. Music and drama. General news.
- 20—David Spencer Limited's ad.

BELGIAN LIBERALS BOLT

Refuse to Approve Congo Annexation Treaty After Examining its Text

Brussels, Dec. 18.—Following a careful examination of the text of the Congo annexation treaty, which has just been published, the Liberal members of the chamber of deputies voted unanimously to oppose the treaty, on the grounds that the conditions therein set down unduly limit the sovereignty of Belgium, and disregard Belgium's right.

As the government had counted upon Liberal support to pass the bill against the opposition of the Socialists and some Conservatives, there is a prospect that the treaty will be withdrawn and that the government will thereafter resign.

A detailed story of the complete treaty, including the voluminous addenda, produced a very different impression from that which was obtained by the public from the rosy official forecast given out December 6. It is now plain that King Leopold retains a powerful interest in the crown domain, which is the richest and best part of the Congo, more especially through his insistence that the rights of various foreign companies which hold important concessions be maintained and recognized by Belgium. The public is convinced that the treaty does not sufficiently recognize the rights of Belgium in the Congo. The action taken by the Liberals today is interpreted in many quarters to mean the doom of annexation and the probable fall of the government.

TUBERCULOSIS COWS IN NEW YORK STATE

Is Dumping Ground Through Lack of Proper Inspection at Border

Ithaca, N. Y., Dec. 18.—A startling reason for the terrible prevalence of bovine tuberculosis in New York state and an exposure of the utter insufficiency of the means now furnished by the legislature for the control of this disease has just been made before the Tompkins county medical society by Dr. V. A. Moore, bacteriologist of Cornell university and the foremost expert in his line in the United States.

Dr. Moore stated that of 1080 cows tested by the Dean law at the Cornell veterinary college, 166 contained the disease. The official reports of the state in 1904 showed that of 2417 animals tested 166 had the disease. The state tests for the period of 1904 included 3088 animals, of which 22 per cent were infected. These animals were in 262 herds, of which 45 per cent were infected.

Private reports collected by Dr. Moore through Cornell graduates practicing in New York give figures on 844 animals, of which 35 per cent were infected. These were in 210 herds, 72.3 per cent of which included tuberculous animals. Dr. Moore reached the conclusion that of the 1,800,000 milch cows in this state, 440,000 are infected with tuberculosis. This, he said, would be a surprise even to cattlemen.

The reason for this condition, Dr. Moore declared, is that New York has had up to this year no inspection of animals brought into this state, while other states have had such inspection. New York has become the dumping ground of tuberculous cattle.

STOCKHOLDERS OBJECT

Proposal at Meeting of British Westinghouse Company Causes Lively Scene

London, Dec. 18.—A proposal made today by John A. Price, M.P., chairman of the British Westinghouse Co., to pass a resolution by which probably £300,000 of prior lien debentures of the company would be placed before the security of the holders of the 4 per cent mortgage debenture stock, caused a lively scene at a meeting of the holders of the stock. The proposal was met with cries of "wind up the company," and "appoint a receiver." One of the debenture holders said it was a case asking them to raise £300,000 to pay off the American Westinghouse companies and to give their hands. The meeting adjourned without endorsing the proposal made by Mr. Price.

JAPANESE OPINION

Cruise of United States Battleship Fleet Does Not Involve Threat Against Japan

Tokio, Dec. 18.—The Jiji Shimpo, an independent paper which has a circulation in intellectual and business circles, will publish an editorial tomorrow on the dispatch of the American fleet to the Pacific.

"This is a noteworthy naval undertaking," the paper will say, "one that will attract the attention of the world. We do not entertain the idea for even one minute, however, that the purpose of the visit is to threaten Japan. Should the American fleet visit these shores it will be given a hearty reception, worthy of the lifelong friendship between Japan and the United States. Our only fear is that the dispatch of the fleet may encourage anti-Japanese sentiment on the Pacific coast, and bring about a repetition of the regrettable incident at San Francisco. We trust, however, the United States authorities will take the necessary precautions in this regard."

The expressions of this newspaper are almost universally shared by the thinking public of Japan.

Jews Ordered Out.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 18.—A dispatch from Vladivostok says that the Jews have been ordered to depart within four days. Jewish property holders, however, are given 18 days in which to liquidate.

OFFERING TERMS TO MINE OWNERS

Counsel for Federation Arrives at Goldfield With Proposition

WIRE BREAK ACCIDENTAL

Federation Committee Sends Out an Appeal for Assistance

Goldfield, Dec. 18.—O. A. Hilton, of Denver, general counsel for the Industrial Workers of the World, and special counsel for the Western Federation of Miners, arrived in Goldfield today empowered to make terms of peace with the mine owners of Goldfield. Just what are the terms on which peace may be made, Attorney Hilton refused to say.

The break of the transmission wires of the Nevada Power Co., was discovered today in the White mountains and was repaired. The break was caused by a snowslide, which carried away several poles. The alarm which was felt when the power wires were broken has been dispelled, and the camp is going along as usual.

Federation Issues Appeal

Denver, Col., Dec. 18.—In an address issued today by the executive committee of the Western Federation of Miners, labor union men are urged to rally to the defence of the officers and members of the Federation charged with the murder of former Governor Steiwerberg and Idaho and other crimes, and of the Goldfield miners who are on strike. The address declares that the financial stringency was caused by the operations of "Frenzied Finance," and is now taken advantage of to shut down mines. Governor Sparks is referred to as a "puppet" of the mine owners and as "the plant tool of the capitalists' interest in its effort to crush organized labor."

"The mine owners, the address continues, are determined to re-enact the bloody scenes of Colorado in Nevada, and it is our duty to do all in our power to prevent the accomplishment of their hellish designs."

NOW TELEPHONING WITHOUT THE WIRES

Danish Expert Hopes to Be Able to Communicate With America

Copenhagen, Dec. 18.—It was announced here today that wireless telephonic messages had been transmitted successfully yesterday between the Wellesen Zee wireless station at Berlin and the Lynby station, near this city. The distance is about two hundred miles.

The American minister, Dr. Maurice E. Egan, and others from the American legation, as well as several representatives of the French legation, visited the laboratory of Prof. Poulsen, who recently has developed a new system of transmission, and he demonstrated the power of his instrument to transmit messages clearly and accurately. He said that he hoped to communicate with America via Ireland by telephone in February next.

UNFIT IMMIGRANTS

London Suggestion That Restrictions Be Placed on Charitable Emigration Organizations

Montreal, Dec. 18.—A London special cable says: "The question is being seriously considered whether the time has not come when the Canadian government should impose a similar restriction to those it has imposed on emigrants from the United Kingdom entering Canada upon all organized and charitable-aided emigration movements. It should insist that the East End and Self Help and other societies remain responsible for their emigrants for at least a year, and be liable to carry them back to England if unemployed during that period. It is felt that this would be the easiest means of eliminating the unit, while keeping the door open for those likely to become capable and self-supporting Canadian citizens."

Creuzots Operate in Chile.

Valparaiso, Dec. 18.—The Creuzot works of France have begun the construction of a big wharf at Corral. This firm has decided to establish the headquarters of its South American iron industry in Chile.

Called a Miracle.

Nantes, France, Dec. 18.—A miracle is reported to have occurred in the village church at Brin. On two Sundays in succession during the services, on the priest placing the host in the monstrance, the image of a wonderfully beautiful youth was apparent on the water. A great number of the congregation testified to the genuineness of the phenomenon.

DISORDERS IN ODESSA

New Governor General Shows Inclination to Adopt Repressive Measures

Odessa, Dec. 18.—General Boufal, the new governor-general of Odessa, issued his first proclamation today. He ordered the police to interfere energetically whenever disorders occurred, and it necessary to make use of their sabres on the disturbers of the peace and arrest them. He declares that all persons guilty of disorder will be sentenced to prison for three months and then expelled from the city.

At the same time the governor-general charges some foreign newspaper correspondents with misrepresenting the actual character of the recent street disorders in Odessa. Continuing, the proclamation says it is most difficult to ascertain the names of the authors of anti-Jewish outrages, and he invites the Political Union of the Russian People, which invariably is accused of these acts, to issue categorical explanations.

He is the first governor-general who has dared to publicly challenge this influential reactionary organization.

Pasteurized Milk

Karlsruhe, Dec. 18.—Nathan Strauss, of New York, will establish one of his pasteurized milk plants in this city. Mr. Strauss was received in private audience yesterday by the Dowager Grand Duchess Louise, of Baden, and explained his efforts for pasteurized milk. The Grand Duchess was much interested, and the laboratory here will be run under her patronage.

TWELVE MEXICANS KILLED BY YAQUIS

Bloodthirsty Southern Indians Add Another Massacre to Their Record

Nogales, Ariz., Dec. 18.—Information which has just reached here, tells of the frightful murder of twelve men by a band of 150 Yaqui Indians 45 miles southeast of Magdalena, state of Sonora, Mexico, last Wednesday.

P. J. McIntyre and a party of mining men of this section have arrived from the scene, where they viewed the remains of the murdered men. The Yaquis captured the party of thirteen men. Among the number was Jose Fernandez, son of President Fernandez, of the town of Quitova, and owner of the mesquite plantation where the killing occurred. The others were Mexican laborers on the ranch and some miners looking for work. One American was among the number, but he was rescued by men who told him that they were Americans. The remaining twelve were stripped, stood up against trees, and shot through the head. A band of Yaquis is reported to be on the war-path.

WESTERN DIVISION WORK

C. P. R. Officials Confer at Winnipeg in Regard to Needed Appropriations

Winnipeg, Dec. 18.—The question of the appropriations to be made for new work on the Pacific division of the C. P. R. was fully considered by the officials of the company today. Vice-President Whyte, C. J. Bury, F. P. Bushnell, Chief Engineer Schweitzer and Division Engineer Cartwright, of Vancouver, were in conference during the morning, and the matter received full discussion. Much important work will be done on the division during the coming year, and a large appropriation will be asked for from the directors of the company. The question of the appropriations to be made for the Western and Central divisions will be taken up at a later time.

Sir William Mulock.

Toronto, Dec. 18.—Sir William Mulock gives an absolute and unqualified denial to a report published by United Canada, Ottawa, that he is to re-enter public life.

Given One Year.

Hamilton, Dec. 18.—A sentence of one year was today pronounced on Abraham Davis, who was charged with complicity in the purse-snatching case for which Frank Anderson got three years.

Tartar's Great Speed.

Southampton, Dec. 18.—The turbine torpedo boat destroyer Tartar broke all records in fast steaming in her final trials over the official course yesterday attaining a speed of 37,037 knots. She also established a new record for a six hours' trial, covering 233 miles in that time, and maintaining the unprecedented speed of 35,363 knots.

Relieving Car Famine.

Saskatoon, Dec. 18.—The first train from Winnipeg for Asquith ran over the line yesterday. There was great rejoicing in the little town over the relieving of the congestion of grain. Over one hundred thousand bushels are in the elevators, and the bins filled with wheat are scattered all over the town. The farmers holding grain rushed for cars, thirty of which were hauled out.

Daylight Burglars.

New York, Dec. 18.—Four young men and women suspected of numerous daylight burglaries were arrested today. Over \$10,000 worth of jewelry, lace and other valuables were found in their apartments on West 48th street, and were confiscated by the police. According to the authorities, the men, who gave the names of David Gillman and George Carr, entered the rear windows of apartment houses throughout the city by means of ropes strung from the roofs. They operated at meal time, it is said, and were generally mistaken for window cleaners. The men and their wives were arraigned in the Tombs court on charges of robbery, and were held without bail.

PHONE SYSTEMS ON THE PRAIRIES

Developments in Connection With Public Ownership Plans

CONFERENCE AT WINNIPEG

Possibility That Bell Company May Sell Out to the Government

Winnipeg, Dec. 18.—A lengthy and important conference was held today at the Government buildings, when C. F. Sise, president of the Bell Telephone company of Canada, was closeted with the entire cabinet discussing the telephone situation. When the conference was closed neither Mr. Sise nor the government had any statement to make as to the result of their deliberations.

The consultation is significant from the fact that last spring, before the government started work on the public telephone system, they made an attempt to get into negotiations with the Bell company as to what might be done to have but one telephone system in the province of Manitoba. No reply was secured to their suggestions at the time. It is understood, however, that the Bell company has been laying off a goodly number of employees, and that it has not prosecuted work in the province the last year as it has usually done. If such a condition of affairs prevails then it may possibly throw some light on the meeting today.

It is understood that if the government of Manitoba could make an arrangement with the Bell to take over their system in the province, they would gladly do so, providing that Saskatchewan and Alberta did likewise. In case, however, Manitoba, Alberta should purchase the Bell system still remain in Saskatchewan, it would act as a buffer between the two public systems, and might militate to a certain extent against the efficiency of both systems.

Manitoba has, up to the present time, expended more than \$200,000 in surveys and in construction work, and is making plans for the vigorous prosecution of the work in the spring. The new exchange is already started, and a large extent of conduits has been laid in the city streets. The government has done this much the extension is now committed to go on with a public system which shall be within reach of all residents of the province. It will entail a great deal of expense, and if it takes over the Bell system a great deal less work will be needed. A new exchange has already been planned in the city for the extension of the Bell system from the increase in the number of subscribers, and thus the new exchange which the government is at present building would be large enough and would be available in a short time as an auxiliary. The new conduits which have been constructed would also be very useful in further extension.

The strongest opposition which has been made against the Bell system has been in Western Canada, where both Alberta and Manitoba have taken up public systems, and the Alberta government has its system now in operation. With these two provinces going ahead with public systems, it is expected that Saskatchewan will follow suit, and it is supposed that the Bell company has now opened the negotiations which they were asked for last spring.

Methodist Minister Killed.

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 18.—Rev. Burnish Hamilton, Methodist minister at Jerseyville, was instantly killed this morning by being struck by a Toronto, Hamilton and Buffalo express train.

Fifty-Nine Bodies.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 18.—Taking out the dead bodies from the Yolande mines where an explosion occurred Monday, will probably be completed tonight. Up to noon 59 bodies had been recovered.

Police Beaten Off

St. Petersburg, Dec. 18.—A colonel of police, named Kalchak, was killed, and several officers and policemen were wounded in a fight today, while guardians of the law were searching a house on Vasil Island, a section of this city. The police were finally put to flight, and the revolutionists succeeded in escaping.

Joshua J. Nichol's Death.

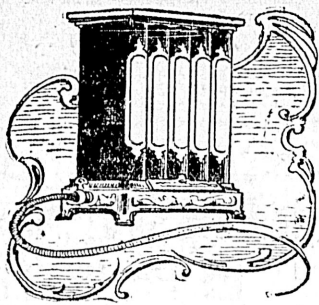
Toronto, Dec. 18.—The death occurred at his home, 521 Sherbourne street, today of Joshua J. Nichol, once a prominent merchant of Toronto. Death was due to erysipelas. He was 77 years of age. The late Mr. Nichol had at various times been connected with the coal business, inland shipping and the distillery business.

New Ontario Failures.

Toronto, Dec. 18.—New Ontario business men are apparently suffering from the present financial stringency. The Northern Supply company, which conducts a general store at Temiskamingue, was assigned yesterday with heavy liabilities. A. J. McRae, general merchant, Bruce Mines, was also assigned and a statement of affairs is being prepared.

Ontario and Quebec.

Toronto, Dec. 18.—An important arbitration of matters affecting the provinces of Ontario and Quebec is in progress at the parliament buildings today. The historic dispute over the common school fund, which has continued at intervals since confederation, and which has been four times arbitrated before, is up again for settlement. About \$300,000 is involved.



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WINNIPEG DOG WINS

Finish of Field Trials Circuit of America for 1907

Winnipeg, Dec. 18.—A dispatch from Barber Junction, North Carolina, says the all-aged stake, open to the world, of the Pointer club's trials, finished here today. Manitoba Rap, first; Tony Mooring, second; Outram, third; fifteen starters.

This is the most noted win for Manitoba Rap, the Winnipeg dog. His being placed first as a puppy over all the best aged dogs on this continent is quite a triumph.

The trials of the Pointer club of America, with headquarters in New York, and run on the private grounds of Geo. Vanderbilt, in North Carolina, are the great event of the year for pointer enthusiasts, as a dog winning these trials acquires a great prestige. One of the judges this year is Prof. Osthaus, the noted animal painter.

This finishes the field trial circuit for 1907, and what must be very gratifying to Thos. Johnson, the owner of

Manitoba Rap, is the fact that in every trial through the circuit, commencing with the Manitoba club's trials, which took place in the early part of September, one of his dogs was placed.

New Westminster Withdraws.

Vancouver, Dec. 18.—The New Westminster eleven has withdrawn from the Vancouver District Association Football League. The resignation was received at last night's meeting of the executive, and accepted. The Royal City men did not advance any reasons for withdrawing.

The Celtic, National, North Vancouver and Westham Island senior club delegates failed to put in an appearance at the league meeting, consequently only business affecting the intermediate clubs was transacted.

The V. A. C. Thistle match played on Saturday last and won by the Thistles was ordered to be played over as the full time was not played owing to darkness. The teams will meet again in the near future.

A special meeting of the executive of the league will be held in Friday at the V. A. C.

SPEAKS ON PROGRESS OF ANGLICAN CHURCH

Rev. R. Connell Lectures on Developments During the Past 200 Years

Quite a large audience attended the lecture "Two Hundred Years' Progress in the Anglican Church," which was given by Rev. R. Connell, rector of St. Luke's church, Cedar Hill, St. James church, James Bay, last evening. Mr. Daniels acted as chairman, while the rector, Rev. J. H. S. Sweet, directed the services. R. C. Taylor, organist of the church, presided at the organ. After the lecture envelopes were distributed for a thanksgiving offering to be presented in St. Paul's cathedral, London, England, at the meeting in February next, at the time of the Pan-Anglican congress.

In his address Rev. Mr. Connell said in part:

"The year 1908 will be an eventful one in the history of the Church of England and the daughter churches. It will see the 15th Lambeth conference of bishops assembled from all parts of the world and all in communion with the See of Canterbury. It will see the first Pan-Anglican conference, when delegates, clerical and lay, from every diocese from the Yukon to Ceylon, and from California to Cathlamet will meet to discuss the great problems pressing on the conscience of the church. And last, but not least, it will see the solemn presentation in St. Paul's cathedral, London, of the united thank offering for the divine blessings granted to the Anglican communion in its growth and spiritual development at home and throughout the world, an offering to be used for the 'extension of the Kingdom of Christ in the colonies or abroad.'

"The Anglican communion has much to be thankful for. It has been proved in the history of modern times to be not that dead or coldly formal body it is thought by some to be, but rather a growing organism potent with all the energy of life and vigor. There is no religious body from Roman Catholicism to Plymouth Brethrenism that has not profited somewhat by that vitality.

"We recall the fact that the three great religious movements of the past two centuries were nurtured in the bosom of the Church of England, and found in her their most typical representatives. George Whitefield, John and Charles Wesley, John Newton, Richard Grimshaw, John Newton, William Romaine, Richard Cecil, Charles Simeon, these men, a few representatives of the first and second generations of the Evangelical revival, were for the most part benefited clergy and all lovers of the church.

"The Oxford movement, too, which has affected the non-Episcopal churches as much as, if not more than, the Church of England originated with her clergy, and it is enough to say that far beyond the borders of Anglicanism John Keble and the 'Christian Year' are household names, and that the church has taken on a new glory in the eyes of men through the enthusiasm and devotion of the tractarians.

"And the Broad Church, leaving the camp of all Protestantism and at length forcing itself upon the notice of the supreme pontiff himself, is it not characteristically Anglican? Synonymous with names like those of Hara and Thirlwall and Stanley and Maurice and Robertson? As in all things human there were faults in these movements, but behind all there was a purpose truer and wider than the minds of men.

"Two hundred years ago the first two great church societies came into existence, the society for promoting Christian knowledge (S. P. C. K.) in 1682; and the society for the propagation of the gospel (S. P. G.) in 1701. Out of a multiplicity of societies, for it was an age of them, these survived, to be the great upbuilders of our Colonial churches. In jungle and on prairie, by land and sea, these have gone out to aid and to sustain the ministrations of the gospel among our pioneer people, and among the various heathen nations and tribes of the world.

"A hundred years later in 1799, they were joined by a new society, the Church Missionary society, which has had enrolled amongst its missionaries men like Krupf, Rehnman and Erhardt, who in 1846 began the serious exploration of eastern Equatorial Africa, which is most celebrated for its wonderful missionary success and power of arousing enthusiasm and devotion. Many other societies, such as the South American, the London Jews, and the Church of England Zenana, are joined to these in an appearance in the missionary activity of the Church in England.

"In the middle of the eighteenth century, it was possible for an English bishop to hold in addition to his see eleven livings and to reside a hundred miles outside his diocese. The state of things is so far swept away as to be almost in the realm of the incredible. English bishops today are quite as hard-worked as the ordinary professional man, and in some dioceses, London for example, greatly over-worked. Their number are steadily growing, as almost every year now sees new dioceses formed, and the general trend is towards smaller incomes and the abolition of 'palaces,' etc. There are now in the Anglican Communion, 58 bishops in Great Britain and Ireland, 102 in the Colonies, and the mission field, and the American Episcopal church. Not only has the Episcopal numbered amongst its members great scholars like Butler and Westcott, and statesmen like Wilberforce and Selwyn and Machray, but it has given us heroic names like those of Mackenzie and Hargraves and Smythes, Patteson, Bompas and Whipple.

"From 1717 to 1852 the Church of England was deprived of a voice in its internal government. Convocation for all practical purposes was silenced, and became an empty name. Bishop of Oxford went back to his old measure of its power by his faithful persistence. But the Colonial churches led the way in real self government, which, however, had become the privilege though under different circumstances of the American church half a century earlier. The solution of the problem of Colonial church government is due largely to Bishop Selwyn of New Zealand, although the first Synod with lay representation was held by Bishop Perry of Melbourne in the fifties. Today the mission field, and the American Episcopal church, seems to be superior to that of the Protestant Episcopal church of the United States, combining at once the best of the past with the elasticity

suitable for new and fluid circumstances. In England the representative church council is paving the way for better things, while the experience of the Church of Ireland has enabled English churchmen to face the possibility of disestablishment with something of equanimity. Indeed, disestablishment has distinguished advocates within the establishment itself.

"And then the long tale of the development of congresses and conferences from the first church congress organized by Archbishop Emory in 1861 and meeting in Cambridge to this year's congress in Yarmouth, and from the first diocesan conference in the Ely diocese in 1864 down to today, with their universal adoption at home, and from the first Pan-Anglican or Lambeth conference in 1867, the fruit of a suggestion of Bishop Lewis of Ontario, to next year's gathering with the first Pan-Anglican congress and thanksgiving; all tell of growing Catholicity and brotherhood and the breaking down of party lines.

"Time would fail to tell of the immense growth of all methods of work; of the development of Parochial missions from the time of the great Twelve Days' mission in London in 1859; of the great growth in importance and usefulness of laywork; of the worldwide extension of the Sunday school since Mr. Ralke and the Rev. Mr. Stock of Gloucester organized the first in 1871.

"And what shall we say of the mighty increase in the liberality of church people during these two centuries? Take as an example the S. P. G. already referred to. In 1701 its income was about \$75,000, in 1751, \$17,500, in 1801, \$32,500, in 1851, \$505,000, and in 1901 over a million dollars! And this is true of all church societies, to say nothing of the British and Foreign Bible society and the Religious Tract society, largely supported by the contributions of Church of England people.

"And then the roll of martyrs and saints, the heritage of devoted character and consecrated learning. The members of the Anglican Communion have indeed no reason to be anything but proud of their historic church, and every reason for a devout and for a material testimony of its reality. Important as the Thank offering is, the sense of what we owe for the past and all its fruitfulness is what most of all needs cultivation, for with a willing mind all else comes in its time and place. In the touching little tale of 'Jackanapes' Mr. Ewing says: 'There is a heritage of heroic example and noble obligation, not reckoned in the wealth of nations, but essential to a nation's life, the good of which in any people, may, not slowly, mean even its commercial fall. Very sweet are the uses of prosperity, the harvests of peace and progress, the fostering sunshine of health and happiness, and length of days in the land. But there be things—Oh, sons of what has deserved the name of Great Britain, forget it not!—the good of which and the use of which are beyond all calculation of worldly goods and earthly uses; things such as Love and Honor, and the Soul of Man, which cannot be bought with price, and which do not die with death.'

Y. W. C. A. Concert Tonight

A concert will be held at the Victoria theatre this evening under the auspices of the Young Women's Christian association. The proceeds will go towards defraying the expenses of fitting up the association rooms and as there has been a big advance sale of tickets a snug sum should be realized. A splendid programme has been prepared for the occasion.

NOTED POLITICIAN DEPARTS THIS LIFE

Hon. J. Israel Tarte Dies in Montreal—An Eventful Career

Montreal, Dec. 18.—Hon. J. Israel Tarte died at 2.35 this afternoon at the residence of his son-in-law, Dr. Demartigny, in this city. He had been ill for some time.

Hon. Joseph Israel Tarte was the son of the late Joseph Tarte, farmer, and was born at Lanoraie, Que., on Jan. 11, 1848. He was educated at L'Assomption college. In 1871 he was admitted to the notarial profession, but soon drifted into journalism, becoming editor of Les Laurentides at St. Lin. He subsequently edited Le Canadien and L'Express at Quebec. Mr. Tarte entered political life as a candidate in Quebec Centre for the House of Commons, but withdrew before election day. In his address to the electors he described himself as the "uncompromising enemy of jobbery and corruption." He was at that time and for years afterwards one of the chief organizers of the Conservative party in Quebec district, and was returned as a Conservative for Bonaventure to the Quebec House of Assembly in 1877. He continued a member of that house until 1881.

Mr. Tarte was elected to the House of Commons for Montmorency in 1891 as an Independent Conservative, and his instrumentality in exposing the McGreevy affair is well remembered. This was responsible for this change of party allegiance, and his work for the Liberals in 1896. He became minister of public works in the Laurier cabinet, continuing in that office until his difference with the ministry on the tariff question. Of late he has been engaged in the publication and editorship of La Patrie, the widely known Montreal newspaper.

COAL MINE FATALITIES

Appalling Loss of Life in American Collieries Subject of Investigation

Washington, Dec. 18.—The coal mines of the United States are killing three times as many men per 1,000 employees as all the European and Australian mines. Last seven years 22,840 have given up their lives in the mines of the United States. The number of fatalities each year is double that of the year 1895. There were 1,859 killed or injured in mines during the past year. These facts have been gleaned from a survey made by the United States department, to investigate the nature and extent of mine accidents, the conditions under which they may be used safely, and the general conditions which make for health and safety. Secretary Garfield, of the interior department, to investigate the nature and extent of mine accidents, the conditions under which they may be used safely, and the general conditions which make for health and safety. Secretary Garfield, of the interior department, to investigate the nature and extent of mine accidents, the conditions under which they may be used safely, and the general conditions which make for health and safety.

GENERAL STOESSEL STILL UNDER FIRE

Accusations of Cowardice Are Made Against Him by Witnesses

St. Petersburg, Dec. 18.—The trial of Lieutenant General Stoessel for the surrender of Port Arthur to the Japanese was continued in this city this afternoon, and in the course of the proceedings, General Stoessel was accused of having shown the white feather on more than two occasions. The accusations were made by Col. Gurko, who was on the stand as a witness. The charge was made while the court martial was investigating the circumstances of General Kuropatkin's order of June 18, 1904, in which General Stoessel was told to turn over the command of the fortress to General Smirnov and join the Manchurian army. General Stoessel was disgraced by this order, and it was repeated three times. He suppressed the copy of the order addressed to General Smirnov, and finally was allowed to remain at Port Arthur.

General Kuropatkin testified that early in May doubts had arisen as to the fitness of General Stoessel to command the fortress, owing to his nervousness. This idea is strengthened by a communication sent General Smirnov to his aide, Col. Gurko, that Stoessel was a coward and apt to lose his head during an assault, and that it might be necessary to place him under arrest to prevent the fall of the fortress.

General Kuropatkin, after obtaining confirmatory details of this statement from Col. Gurko, sent the order superseding Gen. Stoessel.

In answer to Gen. Stoessel's query as to what ground he had for making such a statement to Gen. Kuropatkin, Col. Gurko related two instances in which Gen. Stoessel had ordered his staff to scatter under fire, himself heading the dash for shelter.

Col. Golovan, who was in charge of the coding of messages for Port Arthur, established the receipt by Gen. Stoessel of Gen. Kuropatkin's orders. He said he gave the order for Gen. Smirnov to assume command of the fortress. Gen. Reiss, after conferring with Gen. Stoessel, directed him to send a copy of the order to Gen. Smirnov to suppress the record thereof. Only five men in the fortress knew of the order.

The testimony brought to light the surprising fact that Gen. Kuropatkin, before the war, had recommended the abandonment of Port Arthur and the restoration of the Kwang Tung peninsula to the Chinese, who were to pay \$125,000,000 for it. He considered that the opening of Port Dany destroyed the strategic importance of Port Arthur.

Gen. Kuropatkin said he had finally decided not to interfere with Gen. Stoessel, owing to his unexpected success in holding the fortress, which theoretically required 129,000 men to be defended successfully.

C. P. R. AND CARMEN

Investigation Board Finds for Nine-Hour Day and Increased Rate Per Hour

Winnipeg, Dec. 18.—The board of conciliation and investigation which has been engaged in an endeavor to adjust the differences which exist between the Canadian Pacific and its carmen concluded its labors today.

Prof. Odium, of Vancouver, will go to Pilot Mound, where he has relatives, and Messrs. McVety, O'Dwyer and Hannah took the through train for Vancouver tonight.

It was learned that the nine-hour day is to be established and that an increase of pay is to be granted to the carmen, so that for the nine-hour day, they would receive almost, but not quite, the equivalent of the sum which they have been receiving for the ten-hour day. The finding of the board is unanimous.

The evidence in the pipe-fitters' case was considered this morning. So far as could be learned, it is the decision of the board that this matter should be left in the condition in which it is at the present time. Pipe-fitters who are at various points throughout the West, connected with the carmen's union will remain so connected, and will have the benefit of association with the unions already established. The decision of the board in this case is not binding on the men concerned, and the question may be raised again immediately.

It is understood that all that remains to be done is to affix the signatures of the members to the finding, which was done tonight.

The negotiations in connection with the adjustment of the new schedule have been much more prolonged than was expected. The schedule is, however, a more intricate matter than would be supposed, and many questions are dealt with in addition to those of the hours of labor and the rate of pay.

BATTLESHIPS' PROGRESS

Movements of Fleet Are Reported to New York by Wireless Telegraphy

New York, Dec. 18.—The following message from its correspondent on board Admiral Evans' flagship was received by the Associated Press, by wireless tonight: "On board U.S.S. Connecticut, Dec. 18, noon.—The battleship fleet at this hour is 75 miles north by northwest of Saint Thomas. The weather is fine."

A later message from the fleet received through the DeForest wireless station here this evening: "U.S.S. Connecticut, at sea, Dec. 18.—During the 24 hours since noon yesterday the fleet made 240 miles, the course continuing due southeast."

"The squadron commanders were ordered to align their ships, which had been moving in four perfect columns, in double formation at intervals of 1,600 hundred yards. The movement was splendidly executed, and invoked from the commander in chief the signal 'Well done.'"

"We are now beyond the gulf stream and only a moderate swell disturbs the surface of the sea. The weather is magnificent and between the blue of the sky and the blue of the water, the two white lines of battleships moving in stately procession made a magnificent spectacle."

"The squadron scarcely can be said to be shaken down as yet, and still they keep at perfect distances."

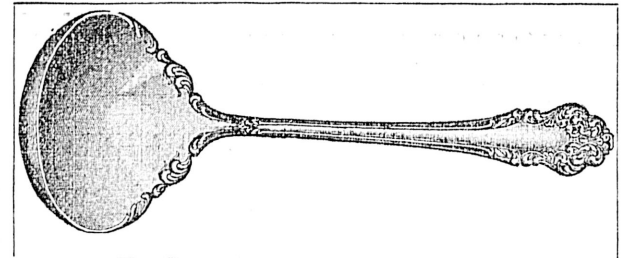
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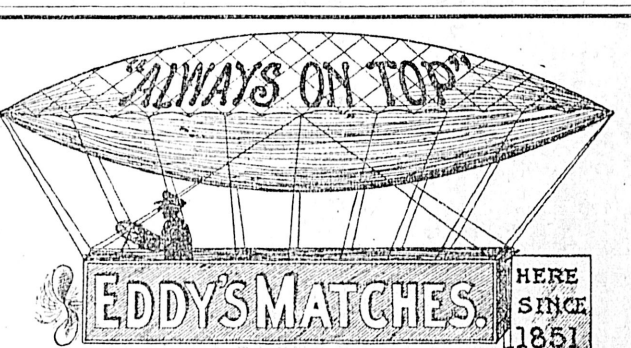
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YOUNG MEN GATHER AT BANQUET BOARD

First Annual Dinner of Central Baptist Baraca Class is a Success

On Tuesday evening, in Harmony hall, the young men of the Central Baptist Baraca class held their first annual banquet. Covers were set for thirty-five, and the hall and table tastefully decorated with ivy, holly and the class colors, blue and white. After partaking of the many good things provided, a very pleasant evening was spent listening to the responses to the following toast list, and music furnished by Ed Middleton Jr., L. Finch, W. Sherritt and H. Birnie.

The King was honored, and "God Save the King" sung by the banqueters. To "Our City" Angus Galbraith responded with a well chosen story illustrating the beauty and advantages of the city, and also the disadvantages from the Christian standpoint. Mr. Galbraith was strong in his praise of the work of the Baraca class, and urged upon the young men who were gathered with the future men of affairs in the city, to look to it that they use their influence and energy in ridding our beautiful city of its pitfalls.

"Our Church" was responded to by Rev. Christopher Burnett, who called attention to the many privileges of civilization which people of today enjoy, and for which they were indebted to the church universal. Mr. Burnett's remarks were received with frequent and hearty applause.

In response to "Our Young People" Gordon McKenzie made his maiden speech, and gave promise of proving a fluent and forceful speaker in behalf of the young people.

With the toast "Our Visitors" were coupled the names of George Carter of the Congregational Baraca class and Edwin Lampshire of Calvary Baptist church, both of whom were strong in their praise of the work being accomplished by the young men of the city.

"Our Class" was responded to by Harry Birnie, who was the second to deliver a maiden speech, which he did in a straightforward, manly way, telling of the formation of the class and its rapid growth during its short life of two months.

Fred Porteous, replying to the toast "Our Objects," in bright, humorous stories, told of the class's objects, illustrating how its members were banded together for a threefold purpose: the development of young men, mentally, physically and spiritually.

"Our Fellow-men" had coupled with it the name of R. W. Coleman, who spoke of the work of the international movement, which had now grown to include Canada, United States, England, Australia and the islands of the sea. There were now 300,000 young men working for world peace.

Continuing, Mr. Coleman spoke of the many snares and temptations which constantly confront the young men, and urged the need for a bright, cheerful Christianity which would attract and hold the young men who are our fellow-men.

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LETTERS TO EDITOR

Local Car Blockade.

Sir—Are you aware that the farmers along the line of the E. & N. railway are really suffering owing to the great state of affairs in Victoria? I have personally investigated the situation and I find that it is not the fault of the C. P. R. They are ready to haul our produce to market if they knew what to do with the cars upon arrival in Victoria. The residents in our district are complaining bitterly against the C. P. R. for the delay in getting the cars out of the station. The government is wasting in settling the taking over of the Indian reservation. If this were arranged it would be a help to the railway company and would also be a great benefit to those who depend upon the Victoria market for ready cash to go on with. We consider that Mayor Morley is greatly to blame for his system of blocking every entry to the city that leads to the general advancement of our interests as well as those who reside in the city. Had he given Mr. Marpole instructions to an order who the laying of tracks along Store street would have the cash for our products in our pockets. We think that your mayor is about the biggest false alarm that has ever held the office and if I were allowed to make the suggestion I should say: ask the Oak Bay council to take possession of the city block by acclamation if such a step were taken, we have reason to believe that sixteen loaded cars would not be resting upon the Westholme siding. The contents have been purchased from timber companies and the ranchers. The money is ready for us when the cars reach their destination, but owing to the persistent bungling of those who might wish to be compelled to wait for an indefinite period before we can receive our well earned dollars. FRANK LLOYD.

SHAKESPEARIAN RECITAL

Large Audience at Y. M. C. A. Hear Well Known Impersonator

Those who attended the recital given last night at the Y. M. C. A. by George B. Williams, an artist well known as a most versatile impersonator, were given a treat which is seldom enjoyed here. Despite the fact that Mr. Williams was suffering from a severe cold he interpreted the various characters of Shakespeare's "King Henry the Fourth," in a most masterly way, fully justifying the many encomiums passed upon him by the press of the East and South. The hall was filled by an appreciative audience, which was liberal in its applause. For nearly two hours Mr. Williams kept the attention of his audience. He assumed all the characters of the play most admirably, his flexible voice and facial expression being remarkably adaptable to the various characters of the drama. Probably the best impersonation of the various characters given was that of the immortal Sir John Falstaff. Mr. Williams being especially good in the rollicking comedy of the gallant knight.

On Friday evening Mr. Williams will give a recital of Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing."

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DEFECTIVE WARRANT RELEASES OFFENDER

McHugh Set at Liberty by Habeas Corpus on Account of Faulty Commitment

Michael McHugh is one of those who will have a merrier Christmas than he anticipated. Yesterday he was in the provincial jail on a six months sentence for selling whisky to Indians, today, thanks to the ingenuity of his counsel, R. C. Lowe, he is a free man. A defective warrant of commitment and a writ of habeas corpus worked the miracle.

It appears from the application made yesterday to the chief justice that McHugh was convicted and sentenced to six months imprisonment for selling gin to Indians by H. M. Halliday, Indian agent in the Nanaimo district. The warrant of commitment stated that the conviction was had before Mr. Halliday, a justice of the peace, and the document was signed in the same manner though the words "Indian Agent" were added below.

It appears that under the code a justice of the peace would have no jurisdiction to try the offense, so that Mr. Halliday could only commit the man to six months imprisonment on account of a technicality, claiming that it was against the provisions of the code. He drew a sensational picture of the state to which the Indian settlements of the colony would be reduced if such offenders were not punished.

His lordship said that he disliked intensely to let an offender go free on what might be termed a technicality, but in this case he did not think he had any alternative. It was an established principle of law that the subordinate courts must show their jurisdiction affirmatively on the face of their warrants. This had not been done in this case. The Indian agent would have no jurisdiction outside of his district and there was nothing in the warrant before him to show that the Indian agent who signed the warrant was the agent for the district where the crime had been committed and the trial had taken place. The writ accordingly must be granted.

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MOTION FOR DISMISSAL IS REFUSED BY COURT

Defense Must Put in Its Witnesses in the Dallas Prosecution

Magistrate Jay yesterday refused William C. Moresby's motion for the dismissal of the case against his clients, the proprietors of the Dallas hotel, charged with selling liquor on Sunday. In delivering his decision, his worship said in part:

"I have given this matter careful consideration as well as the authorities quoted by Mr. Moresby. Had there been a conviction, no doubt absence of proof of license would be grounds for its being quashed. But taking the circumstances of this case into consideration, and the fact that the chief of police, who was conducting this prosecution, was under a misapprehension as to the extent of the admission made by counsel for the defense, I think it right to allow the case to be opened up to the extent of admitting this evidence, since it only requires the presence of an officer of the city to prove the point. Were this evidence designed to bolster up the case against the accused it would be different, but it is positive evidence of the kind referred to in 'Paley on Convictions.'"

"It is unfortunate that the notes of the clerk do not give in full the conversation between Mr. Moresby and myself on the point. My own recollection is that he declined to admit anything save that the proprietors of the Dallas hotel had been served with the summons, that he represented them, that one of them was in court and the other was too ill to appear."

"In regard to the other objections, namely, that the liquor, if supplied, had been supplied to a guest or a traveler, I am not prepared to hold that a man in whose record as living within less than half a mile of the hotel is a bona fide traveler. As to his being a guest depends on evidence, and I think sufficient has been introduced to put the defendants on their trial."

Mr. Moresby then made formal objection against the case being reopened for the purpose of calling further witnesses. The prosecution on a summary trial were not entitled to call more witnesses at this stage for the purpose of bolstering up their case, for the evidence proposed to be put in was not such evidence as is described as positive evidence in "Paley on Convictions."

Chief of Police Langley also requested that his view of the incident be put upon the record. He said that he conscientiously believed that there was a misunderstanding between Mr. Moresby and himself. His recollection of the conversation was that Mr. Moresby said that he represented Mr. and Mrs. Patterson, the proprietors of the Dallas hotel, that Mr. Patterson was too ill to be present, and that he would not admit that the Mr. Patterson whom he represented and who had been served with the summons, was the Mr. Patterson whose name appeared on the license, but that Mrs. Patterson, the other licensee, was in court. On that admission which he

believed to have been made, he had not thought it necessary to call further proof of the license. As Mrs. Patterson was not in court, having understood that her presence would not be required, the case was adjourned till today, when the witnesses for the defense will be put on the stand.

FOUND DEAD ON SHIP

Gus Peterson Passes Away Suddenly on Board the Ivy Esquimaux

Gus Peterson, a middle-aged man, who has been acting as watchman on the bark Ivy, which has been laid up at anchor in Esquimaux harbor for the past seven months, was found dead on board the boat yesterday afternoon by a friend, who paid a visit to the vessel to see him. The deceased had been ashore several days ago, but for the past two days nothing had been seen of him at all, and becoming anxious, one of his acquaintances rowed out to the Ivy yesterday afternoon to see why he had not paid his accustomed visit ashore. The body was cold in death, and the end had apparently come a day or more previously.

Coroner Hart was notified, and he will probably hold an inquest today. Peterson had often complained of a weak heart, and it is supposed that he died from heart trouble. He was unmarried, and lived alone on the boat.

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had believed to have been made, he had not thought it necessary to call further proof of the license.

As Mrs. Patterson was not in court, having understood that her presence would not be required, the case was adjourned till today, when the witnesses for the defense will be put on the stand.

FOUND DEAD ON SHIP

Gus Peterson Passes Away Suddenly on Board the Ivy Esquimaux

Gus Peterson, a middle-aged man, who has been acting as watchman on the bark Ivy, which has been laid up at anchor in Esquimaux harbor for the past seven months, was found dead on board the boat yesterday afternoon by a friend, who paid a visit to the vessel to see him. The deceased had been ashore several days ago, but for the past two days nothing had been seen of him at all, and becoming anxious, one of his acquaintances rowed out to the Ivy yesterday afternoon to see why he had not paid his accustomed visit ashore. The body was cold in death, and the end had apparently come a day or more previously.

Coroner Hart was notified, and he will probably hold an inquest today. Peterson had often complained of a weak heart, and it is supposed that he died from heart trouble. He was unmarried, and lived alone on the boat.

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THE GLOBE'S VIEW.

The following extract is taken from the Toronto Globe:

The people of British Columbia seem determined to press for the retirement of Lieutenant-Governor Dunsmuir because of the action of the Wellington Colliery Company in contracting with the Canadian Nippon Company to import Japanese laborers. This action might have passed comparatively unnoticed but for the Lieutenant-Governor's action in withholding his assent to the Natal Act passed by the provincial legislature. The statement put forward in his own defence by Premier McBride makes it incumbent on the Lieutenant-Governor to explain why he took on himself the responsibility of nullifying that measure, and makes it equally incumbent on the Dominion government to call on him for an explanation if he does not voluntarily furnish one.

We do not understand why our contemporary should say that the condition of things, which it describes, is due to anything said by Mr. McBride, in his own defence. It was precipitated by Mr. Templeman, in his anxiety to score a point against the provincial Premier. It began with a statement in the Times, which we need not remind the Globe is Mr. Templeman's paper, that Mr. McBride had sought to propitiate the Dominion government by making overtures in regard to the disallowance of the Bowser Bill. When this came to Mr. McBride's attention he made the following statement in a published interview at Vancouver:

The report is absolutely false. "I am greatly surprised to hear that any such report should have been given currency. It is an absolute fabrication. With regard to the Asiatic question, my stand, and that of my party in British Columbia are so well known, that it should hardly require mention. I have always been opposed to the entry of Asiatics, and my record, in the house and out of it, stand as a witness of this fact. My attention has already been called to an item appearing in the Victoria Times of September 9, wherein Mr. Templeman seeks to create the impression that His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor has been advised by me to withhold his consent to Mr. Bowser's Bill. I wish to make a most emphatic and absolute denial to this statement. Unquestionably, the public man in British Columbia who must first be held responsible to our people for the present situation is Mr. Templeman. That he has lamentably failed in his duty in not advising his colleagues in Ottawa of the true situation in British Columbia is apparent from present conditions. I have always treated this question from a provincial instead of a party point of view, and the attempt of Mr. Templeman to endeavor to score off me is in reality a condemnation of his own party. The repeated disallowance of the Provincial Natal Act, readily indicated the attitude of the Federal authorities towards British Columbia.

I stand today, as I have always done, anxious and willing to do my utmost for the protection of white labor in this country and the prohibition of Oriental immigration.

At this point the matter might very well have rested, until the facts were brought out in a regular constitutional way, because there is always danger of incorrect versions of public transactions getting abroad, when any of the parties to them is under a temporary obligation of silence. But Mr. Templeman was not content to permit this to be the case, and his paper published a report of a statement said to have been made by Mr. McBride to Senator Scott, which was not an official communication in any sense of the word, and ought never to have been made public. This precipitated a discussion in the public press, but Mr. McBride refrained from taking any part in it, as he was bound to do by virtue of his position, and the Lieutenant-Governor also of necessity kept silence. Feeling as they did the force of Mr. McBride's indictment of the Federal authorities for the failure of British Columbia exclusion legislation to come into effect, as soon as it was made known, through the investigation conducted by Mr. Mackenzie King, that Mr. Dunsmuir had made the contract to which the Globe refers, the Liberal papers began an onslaught upon that gentleman, in the hope of diverting attention from the responsibility of their own friends in the premises.

In regard to the Globe's statement that the Dominion government ought to call upon the Lieutenant-Governor for an explanation of his course, we have only to say that very early in the discussion the Colonist pointed out that it was competent for any member of parliament to call upon the government for such an explanation.

B. C. FRUIT.

The wisdom of the policy adopted by the British Columbia government and so ably carried into effect by Capt. Tatlow, Minister of Finance and Agriculture, in sending large and high-class exhibits of our fruit to England, is being demonstrated daily, but perhaps the most interesting evidence of it is the following extract from the London Times. It derives

exceptional value because of the fact that the extract forms considerably more than one-half of the article devoted by the Times to a description of a fruit exhibit of the Royal Horticultural society, designed to display colonial-grown produce. At this exhibition Nova Scotia, Ontario, Grenada, Jamaica, Barbadoes, Trinidad and other West Indian islands were represented, and therefore the very special reference to this province is all the more gratifying and more likely to prove beneficial. We quote:

A finer collection of apples has never been seen at any of the society's shows than that sent over by the Government of British Columbia. It is extensive and varied, and in some respects is equal, if not superior, to the best examples of English fruit shown this year, notwithstanding the fact that it has had to bear the strain of a railway and steamship journey of 6,000 miles. If the Canadian apples are not quite up to the English standard in favour, many sorts are superior in colour and cleaner in skin, and the grading is remarkable. Cox's orange pippins and the Blenheim oranges may be singled out for special praise, and there are excellent specimens of Twenty-ounce pippins, Ribston pippins, King of the Rivers, Golden Russets, King of Tomkins, to mention only a few. British Columbia is evidently in earnest about fruit growing. It is one of the infant industries of the province, but it is extending rapidly. The acreage planted in fruit has trebled in five years. In 1891 the total was 6,437 acres; in 1901 it had only increased to 7,340 acres; but in 1905 the orchards covered 29,000 acres. The increase during 1906 was over 20,000 acres, and the number of trees planted in that year was 1,000,000. As to the production, there has been an increase of over 50 per cent in the shipments in four years. In 1902 the fruit shipments amounted to 1,956 tons, and in 1905 they reached 4,350 tons, valued at \$1,000,000. Complete figures for 1906 are not available. The express shipments, however, last year aggregated 1,368 tons, while the freight shipments over the coast division of the Canadian Pacific railway for ten months amounted to 2,102 tons. These shipments are far from representing the whole crop, the greater portion of which is consumed locally. The fruit-growing lands of the province include the fertile valleys from the Rocky Mountains to the Pacific coast and from the international boundary north to Cariboo, the principal districts being Vancouver Island and the adjacent islands, New Westminster, Okanagan, Lillooet, Yale and Kootenay. It is of interest to note the cost of an orchard in British Columbia. The cost of making a 20-acre orchard is variously estimated from \$2,500 to \$3,500, according to the first outlay on land and the cost of local labour conditions. Care and maintenance for five years, or until the orchard begins to bear, would cost about \$2,500, less the value of small fruits and vegetables planted between the trees, and the fifth year's return of fruit, which in all should pay the original cost of the trees. In the sixth year the orchard should produce \$550 worth of fruit, in the seventh \$3,200, and in the eighth \$5,800, after which it should pay a net annual profit of \$125 to \$150 per acre—an assured income of that value of \$2,500 to 2,000 a year. This estimate, it is stated, justified by actual experience. British Columbia is fortunate in being singularly free from the injurious insects and plant diseases which work great havoc in other countries, and this was a great saving of expense to the grower. As may be seen at the exhibition, fruit-packing has been brought to a fine art in the province, the methods used being considered perfect by experts. Careless or dishonest packing is not tolerated, offenders being severely punished.

BISHOP CRIDGE

We are very sure that there was only one feeling among the people of Victoria, who read in yesterday's Colonist of the tribute of esteem and affection accorded to Bishop Cridge on the occasion of his nineteenth birthday, and it was that nothing which can be said in recognition of his long and honorable life would be undeserved. Few men have lived in this or any other community who have enjoyed so large a degree of public esteem as he, and the measure of it illustrates how true it is that down in the bottom of all our hearts righteousness is honored. In the turmoil of business or political life, we may sometime fail to display this feeling, but the spontaneous way, in which is exhibited on proper occasions, proves that it is ever present.

That the esteemed prelate may long be spared to enjoy the love of those whom he has personally benefited by his friendship and the hearty respect and goodwill of all who know his name, is the earnest wish of the whole community. The Colonist has very often had occasion to mention his many kindly acts and to speak of the gentle Christian spirit which he so conspicuously shows on all occasions. He is an old man now, but not beyond the limit of his usefulness, for even if he were unable to take an active part in good works, which we are glad to know he is not, the influence of his example would be with us, and this is one of the results of his life which will endure long after he has said farewell to the scene of his labors.

GUSTAV V.

Gustav V., who has come into the crown of Sweden in succession to his father, has made a very favorable impression. He combines the conscientious conception of duty, which characterized his predecessor, and the same high sense of his responsibility as an example to his people, with a progressive spirit and abundant resolution. It is not suggested that he will be aggressive as far as other nations are concerned, but the people are confident that under his rule the country will advance in material prosperity as well as in prestige. Gustav has shown his appreciation of the condition of business at this season of the year by shortening the usual period of mourning for the sovereign, and in so doing it is said that he has carried into effect the

expressed wishes of his lamented father. Consequently all his life and activity throughout Sweden, and people are looking forward to a general advance in every department of industry. The force of the contention that much, in what is generally regarded as the supremely practical and prosaic, depends largely upon the imagination, is shown by the fact that the new King's address to the people, full, as it was, of expressions of a high conception of duty and abounding faith in the patriotism of the people and the resourcefulness of the kingdom, has produced a profound effect and has stimulated the people of Sweden to a resolve to accomplish more in the future than they ever have in the past in the way of peaceful progress. Scandinavia is very happy in having two such monarchs as Haakon of Norway and Gustav of Sweden. They are both enlightened, progressive Christian gentlemen. They may both be heard from on some future occasion. It was said of Marguerite of Navarre that, though she was weak, the force of her example and the wisdom of her advice made others strong, and it may be that these two Norse Kings will prove to be among the most potent factors in the twentieth century.

ISRAEL TARTE

None of those who knew him, and indeed few people in Canada, will feel otherwise than as a severe shock the news of the death of that brilliant and whole-souled Canadian, Joseph Israel Tarte. The deceased journalist was in many respects a remarkable man. Of all prominent French-Canadians, he was one of the most conspicuous in his advocacy of a closer bond between the Mother Country and her dependencies. Yet he was thoroughly loyal to the race from which he was descended, but not of those who looked to France as having even a sentimental claim upon his allegiance. His pride was in being a Canadian, a descendant of the stock whose children have kept alive on this Continent the best traditions of old France. "We are one people in Canada," he said to the writer some years ago, "of different stocks, it is true, but we are rapidly becoming more and more united by common interests, and I believe will one day become assimilated to a degree that now seems impossible." As a public speaker, Mr. Tarte was forceful; as a writer he was brilliant and incisive. Indeed, he was in journalism a survival of the old school, of which Joseph Howe and George Brown in Canada, and in the United States Greeley of the Tribune, Raymond of the Times, and Dana of the Sun, were illustrations which occur to us at this moment, men whose personality dominated their journals and who were factors in public life apart from the parties with which they were associated.

It looks as though Taft will be the almost unanimous choice of the Republicans for the presidency. It is significant that at the state convention at St. Louis on Tuesday his candidature was endorsed without a dissenting voice.

The late Lord Kelvin was of the opinion that airships will never succeed in supplanting existing means of transportation. The sum total of the results of the experiments in aerial navigation to date seems to very largely confirm the accuracy of that judgment.

Friends of the Y. W. C. A. are reminded of the concert to be given in its interest in the Victoria theatre tonight. This worthy institution deserves support and a hearty expression of public sympathy whenever it comes to the front on an occasion calling for public patronage.

Mrs. E. Brunswick Shaw, (N. de Bertrand Lugin) has the place of honor in the last issue of the Wide World, with a story of an incident in the Yukon. Mrs. Shaw will on Sunday next tell Colonist readers a Christmas story of the Far North.

The very many friends of the late Emily Skinner will regret to hear of her death, which occurred at her brother's residence in Vancouver yesterday. Miss Skinner was universally esteemed in Victoria, which until recently was her home, and the surviving relatives, who are among our best known people, will receive the sympathy of all.

Canada is benefiting from numerous splendid advertisements these days. At an important meeting in New York, on Tuesday, of the National Civic Federation, complimentary references were made to the laws on our statute books, aiming at the harmonizing of relations between capital and labor, one speaker going so far as to declare that they were the best measures ever enacted.

Mr. Thompson-Seton wants places set apart where wild birds may breed unmolested. Mr. Thompson-Seton keeps his publicity bureau working over time, but sometimes he says a good thing and this is one. With the increase of population there is a danger that many species of wild birds may become extinct, and as the localities, where it would be desirable to establish a perennial close season, would not be needed for any other purpose, except perhaps lumbering, it would be a very easy and inexpensive thing to maintain sanctuaries for our feathered friends.

Mr. Frank Lloyd writes us a letter in regard to the congestion of business

upon the E. & N. Railway, owing to the insufficiency of the terminal facilities at the disposal of the road. We can assure Mr. Lloyd that we appreciate this quite as much as he does. But what can we do about it? The whole city is being put to untold inconvenience because a majority of the City Council insist upon an absurd condition. The worst of it is that they make no pretence of defending their conduct. To do so would be to have its unreasonableness exposed, and that might cost them votes next month.

A recent Canadian Associated Press cablegram from London is calculated to revive a hope universally held in Canada that we may some day receive a visit from His Majesty King Edward. Lord Curzon occupies such an eminent position in England that it is not supposable that he spoke without full knowledge of the significance of his remarks. The cablegram, which is dated December 11, reads as follows: "Lord Curzon, speaking on 'True Imperialism' at Birmingham, said he looked forward to the time when the Sovereign would visit the overseas Dominion and personally hold court at Calcutta or Quebec. The capital would never leave London, but there was no stationary obligation on the Crown."

The British Conservatives are about inaugurating a campaign, which to our backwoods notions savors of the circus and Uncle Tom's Cabin. They are going to send gaily decked vans around the country to advertise protection, and from these speakers will address the people, who gather to listen. In addition to live orators, phonographs will proclaim speeches by Mr. Balfour and other prominent public men, will shout out political catchwords and repeat campaign songs. Possibly we are not sufficiently civilized in this part of the world to appreciate this sort of thing, but it smacks too much of the ways of the street fakir, with a sure cure for all the ailments to which mankind is subject, to produce a favorable impression here. It will set a good many people to doing some hard thinking.

And it came to pass in those days that a man came from a far country, which is called Ottawa, and he was a Mighty Man and a Minister. And he said: "Behold I, even I, will settle the Songhees Reserve question quicker than you can say Jack Robinson," and he tarried in the city for a long period, and afterwards returned to the place whence he came. And behold, the Songhees Reserve question remained unsettled, and there were scoffers in the land who said diverse things with reference to the Mighty Man, who was a Minister, and they laughed at him and said: "Peradventure he thinks we will swallow the story again, and will hold our peace that he may not be embarrassed; likewise peradventure we may not, but may arise and smite him when he comes to the place which is called the Polls."

There is some comment in London upon the issue of 4 per cent Canadian debentures to the amount of a million and a half sterling. These debentures will fall due in 1912, but the holders will have the option of converting them into inscribed 3 per cent stock falling due in 1938, at a premium of five per cent, provided the option is exercised before September 1910. This issue is equivalent at present prices to 3 per cent stock at 95½, the prevailing price being 95. Without discussing the expediency of such a loan at the present time or the uses to which the money is to be put, or why in the face of our boasted surpluses it is necessary to borrow at all, it is satisfactory to notice that the general tenor of the comments of the English financial papers is favorable. Very little Canadian stock is available for investment, and it is highly satisfactory to know that it is highly esteemed among investors.

We had a paragraph the other day alluding to the achievement of the new British destroyer Mohawk in breaking the world's record by steaming at the rate of 34½ knots an hour. But this vessel's fame was short-lived, for we observe by a recent London cable that the new destroyer Tartar has now beaten these figures by steaming with a greater load than first stipulated in the contract of 34,857 knots, as the mean of six runs on the Admiralty's measured course. During a two days' run the Tartar maintained a speed of 34.7 knots an hour. She maintained her greatest speed when, after running from Southampton to the Mapline at an average speed of 34 knots, she broke all records by reaching a speed of 35,952 knots as the mean of runs with and against the tide. Earlier in the week the new destroyer Ghurka in her trial almost equalled the records of the Tartar and Mohawk. To this it may be added that the other day at Birkenhead the ocean-going destroyer Swift was successfully launched. She is larger and faster than any other vessel of the destroyer class. Her speed will be no less than 36 knots. Yesterday the Tartar beat her own and all records with a speed of over 37 knots.

A Scientist's View.

Sir Oliver Lodge's high position in the scientific world makes anything he may say upon any subject in any way related to science, a matter of interest or importance to the rest of mankind. Especially is that true when he discusses death and immortality. His conviction that there is a life hereafter and a larger and fuller existence in that after life is a very different position from that taken by some of the agnostics of the past generation, who either wear agnostics like Huxley, or positive disbelievers in a future life. "There can be no doubt," declares Sir Oliver, "of the continuance of the human individuality." More and more men of science are professing the same belief. Montreal Witness.

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And the quality—well, if you know what "Weiler Quality" in furniture means, you know what the "Weiler Standard" in silver must be. Not a piece that isn't genuinely good ever passes over our counters. Silverware from the best factories and made by the highest paid workers in silver is shown here. The prices asked for this superior ware will compare most favorably with the offerings of any other store.

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AFTER DINNER COFFEE SPOONS, box six . . . \$2.00
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CHILDREN'S SETS of Knife, Fork and Spoon, plain patterns, set \$1.75, fancy designs, set \$2.00
AVON SETS, 3 pieces, consisting of Sugar Shell, Butter Knife, and Cream Ladle, set . . . \$3.50
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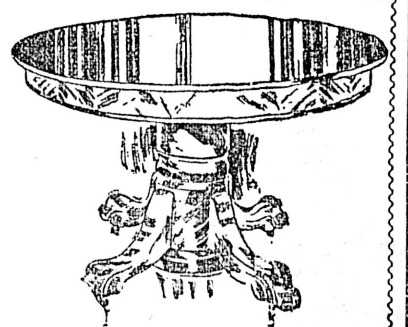
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SUGAR BASINS AND CREAM JUGS to match, large choice, newest patterns. Pair \$5.00, \$6.00, \$7.50, and . . . \$10.00
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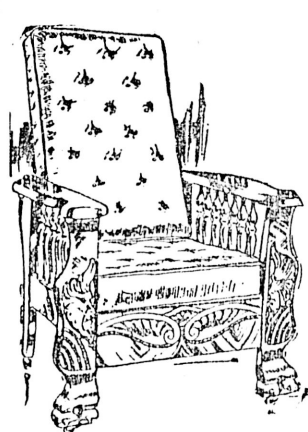
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NOTE AND COMMENT

The Manitoba Free Press protests against the suggestion thrown out at a convention of the Agricultural Societies at Regina that Manitoba was opposed to the Hudson's Bay railway project, and, very properly, points out that that enterprise must be regarded as a national one, rather than provincial, saying:

The railway to Hudson's Bay will run through Manitoba territory because the geographical position of this Province gives it an overwhelming claim to the territory between its present boundaries and the Bay; but it should be—and will be—a national railway, built under national auspices and subject only to the people of Canada, through their delegated authority. The only value of the resolution which was submitted to the Regina convention, was in revealing a feeling in the sister Provinces which makes it increasingly desirable that the Hudson's Bay Railway should be a Dominion, not a Provincial, work.

Some few days ago the Colonist felt called upon to utter a word of protest against the practice of certain newspapers in England of publishing reckless and unfair statements respecting conditions in Canada. We pointed out, however, that, fortunately, the Dominion was now in a position to disregard these silly attempts to discredit it, and we are pleased to observe that the Montreal Gazette takes a similar view of the case. It says:

Some of the English papers have been printing exaggerated stories about the distress in Canada consequent upon the financial situation and the setting in of winter. This sort of thing is in a way to be expected, and, indeed, gets some color from what is said in Canadian papers. It will be easy, however, to exaggerate the harm that will follow the printing of statements of the kind in question. More Englishmen than ever in the country's history know what advantages Canada offers to the right kind of worker. Their knowledge may be left to offset what is said by the disadvantageous experience only of the disadvantages.

As it is anticipated that as a result of the recent visit here of an expert sent out by the Dominion government some practical steps will shortly be taken to ascertain the opportunities for developing our iron ore deposits, the appended Ottawa dispatch appearing in the Toronto Mail and Empire will be read with special interest. The board of trade might very properly urge that the government accede to the request of the Canadian Mining Institute:

Ottawa, Dec. 11.—Mr. H. Mortimer Lamb, secretary of the Canadian Mining Institute; Dr. H. M. Auld, and Dr. A. E. Barlow formed a deputation which today, headed by Mr. Caldwell, of South Lanark, waited upon the Finance Minister in reference to the proposal to invite the Iron and Steel Association of Great Britain to visit Canada next year, as last year they visited Austria. The Dominion Government would, of course, have to make an appropriation for the entertainment of the association, and to sound the Finance Minister upon this point was the object of the deputation's visit to Mr. Fielding. The response of the Minister was the promise of careful consideration.

The unemployed problem in the large cities of Eastern Canada is apparently very serious. It seems only yesterday that we were all clamoring from the Atlantic to the Pacific, for unskilled labor, contending that even to the man who had no other assets than muscle and a willingness to work there were abundant opportunities for "getting on." That the situation has completely changed is clearly shown when we find the Montreal Star feeling called upon to declare:

The fact is that Canada is becoming less and less a country to which men should emigrate who have no capital to fall back on. It is all very well for men, who have a little money with which to stock a farm in the West, to first hire themselves out as farm laborers in the East in order to learn the business under Canadian economic and climatic conditions, for when they are discharged at the end of the season, they can go West and take up their own land. But it is a different story with the farm laborer with empty pockets. He is a member of the unemployed, his only advantage over other members being that he is fairly certain of work at certain seasons.

There is a doubt in some quarters as to whether Germany will be able to proceed with its ambitious programme for naval expansion. That country is now in the throes of a great industrial depression, and it is believed by some critics of the situation that the government may be compelled to refrain from any extraordinary expenditures at this time. The Montreal Star believes that the situation is so serious in Germany that Great Britain may well hesitate before laying down more warships to keep the pace with Germany's plans, to see if the latter power will proceed with its programme. It says:

"Upon such a people the pressure of military and naval expenditure must weigh very heavily. The ambitious naval programme announced in the Reichstag naturally has caused the friends of a reduced naval expenditure in Britain to feel that their cause is lost for the time being; but it might be as well, before committing themselves to very much additional expenditure, to wait and see whether the German government will really lay down the ships it has indicated. After all, money must be got before battleships can be built; and if Germany is about to pass through an industrial crisis, with dear food, many out of work, and much suffering, the government may decide to lighten its burden of taxation until times are better. This is hardly a period when any nation in the world ought to be wasting any more in battleships than it is already doing."

FORTY YEARS AGO

The British Colonist, Thursday, December 19, 1867.

Another day or two of frost and we shall have the skating for Christmas.

Cleared—The schooner Superior has cleared for St. John's harbor to load with lumber at Stamp's mills for a South American port.

New Distillery—The erection of a building to be used as a distillery has commenced at the head of Johnson street. The proprietor has chosen a locality convenient to Spring Ridge, that he may not suffer for water during the dry season. Sensible.

From Fraser River—The steamer Enterprise left Fraser river at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and reached her wharf here at 8:30 o'clock last evening. Among her passengers were His Excellency Governor Seymour and Mrs. Seymour, and Hon. W. A. G. Young and Dr. C. Mannell. His Excellency, we understand, will remain in Victoria until Monday next. The weather is intensely cold at New Westminster. Snow has fallen between Hope and Yale, and Irving's boats are tied up. The Cariboo Express is at Yale and will reach Victoria on Saturday evening.

Wesleyan Tea Meeting—There was a large and joyous gathering of young and old folk at the Wesleyan church last evening. The attendance was as large as that on any previous occasion of the kind, and the viands, both solid and liquid, were of excellent quality and were fully discussed by the guests. The room was tastefully decorated with flags, banners and wreaths. Among the flags was that of the New Dominion, which attracted considerable attention. The ladies exerted themselves to the utmost to render the entertainment what it assuredly was—a success. After tea, the assembly was briefly addressed by Rev. A. Brown, pastor of the church; Mr. Fell, Mr. A. Wilson, Mr. Wm. McKay, Hon. A. DeSmet, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Finlayson, Mr. Gaston and others, while the full and efficient choir at intervals rendered vocal music in a very effective manner. The meeting broke up at about 10 o'clock, with a vote of thanks to the ladies, a most deserved compliment, as but for their exertions the meeting must have resulted in a failure. The Wesleyan society, we are happy to know, is rapidly increasing in numbers and influence.

Central Free School Examination—The public examination in connection with the Central school comes off today and tomorrow, commencing each day at 9 a. m. In consequence of the large attendance it is found necessary to have a two-day examination to do anything like justice to the numerous classes. This day will be occupied by the Junior and tomorrow by the senior division. The board of education, as well as the teachers, are desirous that parents and guardians, together with all others who are interested in the public schools, should attend, so as to be able to form an opinion, at this critical juncture, as to the efficiency of the system.

ABOUT PEOPLE

Sir Thomas Sutherland, chairman of the Peninsula & Oriental Steamship Company, who has been making a pronouncement regarding the feasibility of the All-Red route, is an Aberdeen man. He was born in 1834, and after receiving his education at Aberdeen Grammar school and University entered the P. & O. service. He represented his company in China for some years, and while there took an active part in founding the Shanghai bank and in building the Hongkong docks. For a time, too, he was a member of the Hongkong legislative council. From 1884 to 1890 he sat in the British parliament as Liberal Unionist member for Greenock. Sir Thomas was knighted in 1891 and made a G. C. M. six years later. He is also a Knight of the Legion of Honor and of St. John of Jerusalem. Besides being chairman of the P. & O. Company, he is vice-president of the Suez Canal Co., a director of the London City & Midland bank, and chairman of the Marine & General Assurance Society.

Poulitney Bigelow, the famous traveler, was giving some advice to a young man who was about to join for the first time the great army of tourists on its annual trip across the Atlantic. Mr. Bigelow adverted to the extraordinary amount of pointing that goes on when aboard a ocean liner. "You'll certainly ship one day," he said. "I put my hand on a freshly painted ventilator, and while removing the white smear I fell into conversation with the seaman who was responsible for the trouble. He was an elderly chap, and he had visited many outlandish places. As he plied the brush we had an interesting chat. "How long have you been a sailor?" said I finally. "Sailor?" the old man grumbled, dipping his brush in the can. "Hess your heart, sir, I'm no sailor nowadays. I'm a 'blunder' artist, that's what I am."—Public Opinion.

Captain J. F. Leder-Symonds, of the South Staffordshire Regiment, was married on Saturday at the Church of Our Lady of Victories, Kensington, to Miss Mary Vavasour (daughter of Sir William Vavasour, of 30 Holland road, Kensington), 23½ the London Standard of December 2. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a gown of white lace, trimmed with embroidery, and a veil over a wreath of orange blossoms. Captain J. F. Leder-Symonds was last seen, and Miss Mary Vavasour the bridesmaid, Viscount Encombe, the Hon. John Stourton, and the Hon. Michael Scott were guests. Among those present at the reception, held at the Grosvenor hotel, Sloane street, were: The Duke and Duchess of Norfolk, the Dowager Marchioness of Exeter, Lady Margaret Stuart, Lord and Lady Clifford, Lord and Lady Herries, Sir Francis and Lady Fleming, the Hon. Marcia Maxwell, Lady Encombe, Sir William and Lady Worsley, Mr. and Mrs. Eden, the Hon. Eric and Mrs. Drummond, and Sir Charles Worsley.

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Subsequently Captain and Mrs. J. F. Leder-Symonds left for Beech Hill, Sheffield, lent by the Duke and Duchess of Norfolk.

The Duke of Connaught, accompanied by the Duchess and Princess Victoria Patricia, went to the Guards' Chapel, Wellington barracks, on December 1, to unveil a permanent memorial to the late Major-General Sir Henry Trotter. The inscription cut into the base of the memorial reads: "In memory of Major-General Sir Henry Trotter, G. C. B., C. B., joined the Grenadier Guards in 1862; commanded the Second Battalion, 1885-9; the Regiment, 1889-97; the Home District, 1897 to 1902. Born January, 1844; died July, 1905. Presented by officers of the Brigade of Guards and intimate friends."

The Duchess of Aosta recently returned to Rome from England, where she had been present at the wedding of Prince Charles of Bourbon and Princess Louise of France. Owing to a renewal of the chest trouble to which the Duchess is liable, her doctors ordered her to leave immediately for Egypt. Accordingly her Royal Highness, accompanied by the Duke, has sailed for Cairo on the German steamer Hohenzollern.

The Bavarian legation at Rome has issued a note absolutely denying the report that Prince Arnulf of Bavaria did not die a natural death. The note states that Prince Arnulf had an attack of influenza while he was staying in Vienna, and died in Venice of pneumonia.

Prince Rudolph Esterhazy has been appointed an attaché to the Austro-Hungarian embassy in London.

Lord Tweedmouth was presented at Duns with the honorary fellowship diploma of the Educational Institute of Scotland. Dr. Dickie, Govan, secretary to the board of examiners, made the presentation, eulogising Lord Tweedmouth's services to education. His lordship thanked the institute for the honor, and assured them of his warm interest in everything that concerned the welfare and success of the cause of education.

New Year's Eve is to be celebrated at Claridge's this year, for the first time, by a supper and a dance, in commemoration of the fact that it is just one hundred years ago that the hotel now known as Claridge's came into existence at the corner of Davies street and Brook street. Several old English customs are to be revived, and the dance is to open with Sir Roger de Coverley, the general idea being that this most distinctive and famous English hotel shall celebrate this occasion in an entirely English manner.—London Standard.

An actor told the other day a graceful story about a church choir. "At a reception," he said, "the loss of various senses was discussed, and a young woman, a grand opera singer of considerable beauty, said to Mr. Corried: "Which would you rather be, deaf or blind?" "Stupid and bowing gallantly, the great manager answered: "Deaf, madam, when I am looking at you, and blind when I hear you sing."

BRITISH OPINION

London Standard—In pledging himself once again to this faith (tariff reform) Mr. Balfour has made it plain that tariff reformers need have no lingering doubts as to his leadership. If we have been frank in referring to the hesitation which they expressed, it would be unkind not to present the other side of the case, and confess that they had no alternative candidate to put in Mr. Balfour's place. That question may now be taken as disposed of. In the evening Mr. Balfour set the right note, and showed his appreciation of the genius which he paid a tribute to Mr. Chamberlain, which was evidently as sincere as it was generous. In his opinion the case for tariff reform had been strengthened not weakened, since it was expounded first. But his great hit was made when he proved the soundness of his Imperialism by declaring that when next a Conservative Ministry is formed one of its first acts will be to summon an Imperial conference. This means business or nothing. Liberals are fond of talking as though tariff reform was the only object of the Conservative party. In one sense it is the object. In another sense it is but the means. "The purpose of tariff reform is no doubt on one side to relieve the burden of direct taxation which weighs unduly upon industry and drives capital that might be used at home into foreign lands. But the other and more important side is to increase employment at home, and by checking abnormal variations of prices from dumping and artificial cheapness to steady those fluctuations in wages which produce so much unnecessary distress amongst the working classes."

London Daily Mail—The news that a working agreement is under process of negotiation between two of the large English railway companies—the Great Northern and the Great Central—indicates the further progress of the movement towards combination, which George Stephenson declared was the inevitable result of competition. Provided the interests of the public are safeguarded, there is no objection to such understandings, for there is adequate and efficient machinery for exercising supervision over the railways. The whole railway system of this country urgently needs overhauling in a commercial spirit. The existing conditions are satisfactory neither to the shareholders, to the public, nor to the men employed. The shareholders have never realized the golden dreams in which past generations indulged, when it was taken almost as a matter of course that the railways would pay 10 per cent. The misfortunes of the London "Tubes" are familiar to all. Here are capitalists who have rendered great service to the people of London, who have reduced the strain of traffic in the streets, who have accelerated the pace of the public, and who have saved some hours in each week yet they have received no reward, and have little prospect of reaping any adequate reward in the future. The Socialist, when expatiating on the wickedness of the capitalist system, is very careful to ignore such awkward examples as these.

London Times—If there is no principle in sex, so far as the Parliamentary franchise is concerned, well and good. We shall know exactly where we stand. We shall give the vote to every woman who shares her husband's household on the unassailable

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ground that, if sex is no disqualification, her qualification is identical and equal with his. To all single women we shall give a vote on the same qualification as we give it to men, without considering whether they are Hyphas or Peloponnesians any more than we consider whether the men are saints or sinners. We shall admit women to Parliament and to Ministerial office on equal terms with men, nor is it easy to see why we should not allow women who desire it to enlist in the military and naval services of the Crown. In other words, we shall inaugurate a revolution of which the world has never seen the like, and it will be none the less a revolution of incalculable moment even if no force and no violence go to the making of it. If, on the other hand, there is a principle of sex, we shall do none of these things, and we shall do well to take a firm stand on the principle itself from the very beginning. To make a stand on the property qualification just when it is being abandoned by one party and denounced by another is a kind of statesmanship which even Mrs. Parnell would despise. Woman suffrage in any form means in the long run universal adult suffrage, male and female. No one who is not prepared to face that issue has any right to support woman suffrage at all.

London Globe—In all Socialism that matters, resort to violence for the imposition of its ideas is recognized as just and inevitable, and anti-Socialists, Mr. Arnold-Forster, regretfully declares, must be prepared to fight against tyranny with weapons similar to those which Socialists are forging. But he says, before extreme measures become necessary, the best method of fighting Socialism is to explain it; to expose its absurdities and absurdities, the pretentiousness of its claims and the grotesque vanity with which they are put forward; to show that there is absolutely nothing new in Socialist proposals for reorganizing mankind, that they have been made in every age, and that whenever they have been tried they have failed utterly. His point is that Englishmen do not want the remedies of Socialism, that they are willing and able to progress towards a higher and better state of civilization by the methods which they have evolved in the thousand years of the existence of the nation.

She Had Guessed It
Florence's wife went into the country for a needed rest, leaving three children in his care and that of a trusted servant. She heard frequently from her husband, but his letters contained no reference to the state of the children or the servant. They were full of regrets at her absence and of hopes that she would enjoy her rest. So she wrote him a rather sharp note, in which she said: "Please let me know how everything is at home. I am beginning to be worried." In the four-page reply which promptly came back, he informed her the milk bill had been paid; the gas bill was lower than the previous month; the garden was thriving; the kitchen had been kalsomined; the grocery bill was low because he was taking a week's vacation; and he asked her to write him back. He had prospered in a real estate deal, and so on. She scanned this most hastily and finally reached the last line: "The children are down with tonsillitis and have been hoarse for a long time. Nothing to worry about!" Of course she had suspected it.

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MAILS AND EXPRESS HEAVIER THAN EVER

Present Season Has Taxed the Local Offices to Greater Degree Than Other Years

The Christmas mails are heavier this year than ever before. The local postal authorities have been taxed to their limit to take care of the packages and letters arriving here and despatched from this city.

Continually since the new postal regulations have gone into force the English mails have grown heavier, and the three of them which arrive every week have more than compensated for the falling off in the amount of cheap literature which passed through the mails to Canada from the United States.

The parcel post has never been so heavy. One parcel post arrives every week. To illustrate the volume to which this part of the service has grown, it is sufficient to say that last week fifty immense baskets, arrived from the British Isles. The contents of the gigantic palettes kept the employees of the post office busy for several days.

Nearly 100 bags of mail altogether arrive each day from eastern Canada, while never before have the mails from the north been so heavy. Three or four extra hands have been added to the postal service and the entire staff is working from 12 to 13 hours a day, but the congestion continues and there will be little rest for the postal officials for the next two weeks.

To a similar degree the local express offices are kept busy. Never has the volume of business been greater than it has been during the present holiday season. It was supposed that the general stringency would affect the Christmas traffic, but this has not proved true. Both packages and money orders have been greater in number than in any previous year.

NEWS OF THE CITY

English Pheasants

A resident of Victoria yesterday received as handsome a pair of English pheasants as one would wish to see. The extraordinary thing about the birds is that they were not frozen, but sent just as they were when killed, and that they reached the end of their 6,000-mile journey in perfect condition.

More Building Permits.

Yesterday the following building permits were issued by the building inspector: To Messrs. Parke & Beaven, for a one and one-half storey frame dwelling on Davis Street, to cost \$2,500; to James Atkins, for a barn to be erected upon North Park Street, at a cost of \$150.

Cowichan District Liberals.

The Cowichan District Liberal association was formerly organized at a meeting held at Duncan's on Thursday evening last. H. C. Brewster, M. P., and J. C. McIntosh, Liberal organizer, were present. The meeting endorsed the statement by Ralph Smith, M. P., on the question of Oriental immigration, and elected the following officers: Hon. president, J. Campbell; president, John Evans; first vice-president, Lash Cashen; secretary-treasurer, Kenneth Duncan; executive, J. N. Van Norman, J. Norcross, Jesse Bous, J. M. Jones, J. Longate, J. McKinnon, A. Herd, W. Robinson, Dan Hattie and J. Cashley.

Trades and Labor Council

The regular meeting of the Trades and Labor Council was held last night in Labor hall, Douglas Street. Considerable business was transacted of a routine character, and a number of communications read and disposed of. The executive committee's report dealing with the financial policy of the council was discussed at length. An important portion of the report which was adopted included a motion to ask the affiliated unions to increase their per capita tax 50 per cent. This question will be decided by a referendum vote of the unions interested. On motion the council stands adjourned until January 8, 1908, owing to the next regular night of meeting falling on New Year's Day. A fairly good number was present.

S.P.C.A. Is Active.

At the last committee meeting of the Victoria branch of the British Columbia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, it was arranged to have a series of lantern lectures in the Sunday schools of the churches of the city to interest the children in the humane work of the society. A collection of suitable slides will be made, and the services of gentlemen able and willing to act as lecturers will be cordially welcomed. A large quantity of free literature illustrating the society's work is being distributed to the various Sunday schools, and the honorary secretary, Thomas W. Palmer, will be pleased to furnish those in charge of the education of children with copies, on application to him at the office of the society, Seamen's Institute, Langley Street.

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THE WEATHER

Meteorological office, Victoria, B. C., at 8 p. m., December 18, 1907.
 SYNOPSIS.

The pressure is giving way on the north and a fresh disturbance is approaching the Washington coast and a strong easterly gale prevails at the entrance to the straits with an hourly wind velocity of 12 miles. No precipitation is reported today on the North Pacific slope and temperatures in general have been somewhat higher. East of the Rockies a low area is central over Mexico, Guatemala, and the weather has been generally fair and cold.

TEMPERATURE.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria, B. C.	33	41
Vancouver	30	38
New Westminster	30	36
Kamloops	12	28
Barterville	1	16
Port Simpson	34	44
Atlin	1	11
Dawson, Y. T.	1	11
Calgary, Alta.	11	28
Edmonton, Man.	23	34
Portland, Ore.	34	49
San Francisco, Cal.	48	56

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a. m. (Pacific Time) Thursday:
 Victoria and vicinity: Moderate to fresh easterly and southerly winds, becoming unsettled with rain and stationary or higher temperature.

Lower mainland: Easterly and southerly winds, becoming unsettled with rain and warmer.

WEDNESDAY.

Highest.....41
 Lowest.....24
 Mean.....32
 Rain, none; sunshine, 2 hours, 6 minutes.

WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

Victoria meteorological office, December 11th to 17th, 1907:

At the close of last week, by the 12th this had passed into Alberta and descended to the south coast, extending southward through Montana and Arizona, the precipitation was general on the Pacific slope with snowfall on the higher plateaus. On the 13th a cold front and severe storm had made its appearance off the mouth of the Columbia river and moved rapidly northward to British Columbia, causing a strong gale on the Straits and Sound district and accompanied with heavy rainfall. The pressure then began to rise on the California coast and throughout the remainder of the week a large area of high barometric pressure has covered the greater part of the North Pacific slope and the middle west provinces and states. Monday morning began to give way in the north along the immediate coast to the straits though remaining high in Cariboo and the Kootenays; these conditions caused an overflow of colder and heavier air towards Vancouver Island and the American coast where the temperature was higher and resulted in the heavy rain fall of the season covering the hills, but in this district melting almost as it fell. This was succeeded by cloudy and cold weather. The precipitation has been heavier both on this island and the lower mainland but on the upper country the snowfall has been light and with normal temperatures. In the Yukon a cold wave descended from the north during the last four days, the highest temperatures ranging from 6 to 10 below zero and the lowest reaching 20 below.

In the prairie provinces the weather has been chiefly fair with temperatures much above normal during the first half of the week but becoming colder toward the close when temperatures fell to 12 below zero. The snowfall was light and in scattered places.

At Victoria there was recorded 11 hours and 12 minutes of bright sunshine, highest temperature, 42.1 on 11th; lowest, 30.4 on 16th; rain and melting snow, 2.10 inches. Vancouver: highest, 48.0 on 11th; lowest, 24.0 on 16th; precipitation, 1.91 inches. New Westminster: highest, 48.0 on 11th; lowest, 22.0 on 16th; precipitation, 2.14 inches. Kamloops: highest, 40.0 on 11th, 12th; lowest, 2.0 on 15th; precipitation, .24 inch. Barkerville: highest, 5.0 on 11th; lowest, 10.0 on 13th, 16th, 17th; precipitation, .18 inch. Atlin: highest, 30.0 on 7th; lowest, 10.0 on 13th, 14th, 16th; only trace of snow. Dawson: highest, 10.0 on 11th; lowest, 20 below zero on 15th; no precipitation.

Summary of weather for the month of November, 1907:
 Victoria—The total amount of bright sunshine recorded was 74.1 hours and 42 minutes, and the mean proportion for the month was 0.27. Rain 4.68 inches, highest temperature 58.4 on 9th, lowest 36.3 on 24th and 25th, mean 47.4. The total number of miles recorded on the electrical anemograph was 6,162, and the direction as follows: North 598, northeast 174, east 1,043, southeast 1,147, south 806, southwest 1,575, west 742, northwest 50.

Vancouver—Rain 13.06 in.; snow a trace, highest temperature 59.6 on 1st, lowest 21.0 on 11th, mean 44.4.

New Westminster—Rain 12.49 in., highest temperature 57.6 on 29th, lowest 32.2 on 9th, mean 44.5.

Nanaimo—Rain 15.57 in., highest temperature 55.0 on 29th, lowest 30.0 on 27th, mean 43.4, total amount of bright sunshine 56 hours and 36 minutes.

Alberni (Barkerville Creek)—Rain 11.11 inches, snow 4.00 inches, highest temperature 64.1 on 5th and 10th.

Sumnerland—Rain 4.00 in., snow 5.00 in., highest temperature 51.8 on 4th, lowest 17.0 on 27th, mean 37.2.

Atlin—Rain 31 inch, snow 2.02 inches, highest temperature 48.0 on 10th, lowest 8.5 on 25th, mean 27.7.

Barterville—Rain 24.74 inches, snow 4.00 inches, highest temperature 59.9 on 1st, lowest 30.9 on 26th, mean 41.7.

Barkerville—Rain 7.9 inch, snow 3.25 inches, highest temperature 45.0 on the 1st, lowest 2 below zero on the 27th, mean 28.7.

Port Simpson—Rain 12.02 inches, highest temperature 51.0 on 29th, lowest 21.0 on 26th, mean 41.4.

Crawford Bay—Rain 3.65 inches, snow 6 inches, highest temperature 49.5 on 1st, lowest 22.0 on 26th, mean 36.5.

Cowichan—Rain 7.26 inches, highest temperature 62.0 on 10th, lowest 30.5 on 9th and 11th, mean 46.3.

Goldstream—Rain 13.42 inches, highest temperature 47.7 inch, snow 1.00 inch, highest temperature 59.5 on 5th, lowest 24.0 on 27th, mean 41.6, total amount of bright sunshine 72 hours and 36 minutes.

Armstrong—Rain 7.4 inch, snow 5.00 inches, highest temperature 56.0 on 1st, lowest 23.0 on 27th, mean 38.1.

Steveston (Clarry Point)—Rain 6.57 inch, highest temperature 59.5 on 2nd, lowest 29.0 on 11th, mean 45.5.

Salmon Arm—Rain 1.47 inch, highest temperature 57.0 on 1st, lowest 23.0 on 27th, mean 40.1.

Ladner—Rain 6.51 inches, highest temperature 58.0 on 29th, lowest 28.0 on 21st, mean 41.2.

Nanaimo Island—Rain 9.55 inches, highest temperature 57.0 on 29th, lowest 28.0 on 21st, mean 41.2.

Horby Island—Rain 4.22 inches, highest temperature 57.0 on 29th, lowest 28.0 on 21st, mean 41.2.

Coquitlam—Rain 15.34 inches, highest temperature 57.0 on 29th, lowest 28.0 on 21st, mean 41.2.

Swanston Bay—Rain 34.89 inches, highest temperature 57.0 on 29th, lowest 28.0 on 21st, mean 41.2.

Albert (Stone River)—Rain 16.61 inches, highest temperature 57.0 on 29th, lowest 28.0 on 21st, mean 41.2.

Hartley Bay—Rain 15.81 inches, snow 3.00 inches, highest temperature 57.0 on 29th, lowest 28.0 on 21st, mean 41.2.

Nass Harbor—Rain 15.84 inches, snow 4.00 inches, highest temperature 57.0 on 29th, lowest 28.0 on 21st, mean 41.2.

Beaver Lake (Victoria Water Works)—Rain 6.60 inches, highest temperature 57.0 on 29th, lowest 28.0 on 21st, mean 41.2.

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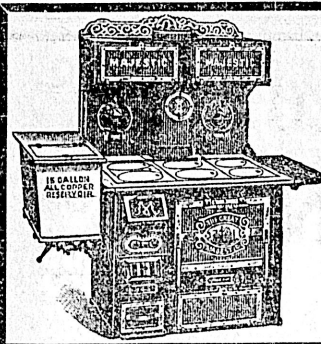
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Registry Act Does Not Affect Fiddick Grant—Further Evidence

One of the chief supports of the case for the plaintiff in the case of the E. & N. vs. Mrs. Fiddick was apparently knocked away yesterday, when early in the proceedings, Mr. McPhillips announced his discovery that the Land Registry act did not, according to its own provisions, apply to any litigation which was pending at the passage of the act. The case was started May 1, 1905, and the Land Registry act came into force July 1, 1906, hence he contended that Mr. Bodwell's arguments that the Fiddick grant could not be received on account of its not having been registered fell to the ground. It was then suggested that the Land Registry act of 1905, which contained a similar clause, could be used for the purposes of the same argument, but Mr. McPhillips pointed out that the 1905 act had been repealed by the 1906 act and so could not govern the court, and that in any event the 1905 act under its provisions, did not come into force until July 1, 1905, two months after this action had been started, and as that act also contained a clause declaring its inapplicability to pending litigation, the arguments for the plaintiff were equally untenable.

Chief Justice Hunter asked Mr. Bodwell what he had to say to this "solar plexus" blow delivered at one of his main contentions. Counsel replied that the action was only started on May 1, whereas the act passed April 5, so if the operation of the act were postponed till July, that would not make this pending litigation within the meaning of the clause. The suit had not been started till after the act had received the lieutenant governor's assent. He said, however, that he had no authorities to offer on that point, and his lordship suggested that he look into the matter as it had already become evident that an adjournment of several days would be necessary.

In his remarks yesterday, Mr. Bodwell laid a great deal of stress on what he considered to be the evidence of lack of bona fides on Grandin's part when he took up the land for agricultural land. He held that the evidence clearly showed that but a minute fraction of the land could be used for agricultural purposes, that no attempt at serious agriculture had been made during the thirty-two years which had elapsed since the land was being originally taken up, and that Grandin's action was a fraud on the act.

Mr. McPhillips complained that this was one of the instances in which his case had been prejudiced by the form of pleading to which he had taken exception, and obtained leave to recall Mr. Bodwell on this witness. He said he thought that about 75 per cent of the land could be used for agricultural purposes, and Mr. Bodwell was unable to shake him in this statement, though he endeavored to discredit his evidence by once more eliciting the fact that the witness was defendant in one of the numerous similar cases which are pending.

Joseph Hunter, P.L.S., was recalled by the plaintiffs to contradict the above evidence. Mr. Hunter stated that when he visited the property, coal mining was going on at full blast and coal was being shipped. He described his visit to the land and how he ran the lines, and said that he was confident that not more than 15 per cent of the land, or some 22 acres, could be profitably farmed or could be classed as first class land under the government classification. Under cross-examination he admitted that it was a matter of opinion, and he was not prepared to say that some of the rest of the land might not be used for grazing purposes.

On Mr. Bodwell renewing his argument and asserting that everything that he showed that it was the coal that Grandin wanted when he took up the land, as he was a coal miner and a farmer, and had not tried to farm, while on the contrary coal had been found on the land, it was suggested that an adjournment be taken to permit of further evidence as to the character of the land being introduced.

His lordship remarked that he did not think that such evidence would be of much service as it was so manifestly a matter of opinion. He himself had some agricultural land which many persons might think was not adapted for such purposes. However, as the case would probably be appealed, he thought it was best to get in all the evidence.

After some discussion, the case stood adjourned till Monday, January 6. Ward vs. Milne will be tried this morning.

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Mythology sometimes becomes strangely twisted in a youngster's brain. Reggie heard at school the story of Damocles and the sword which hung over his head suspended by a hair. At dinner he related it to the entire family, showing that it had made a deep impression upon him. His father, wishing to know what lesson Reggie drew from the story, asked him why Damocles was in constant fear. Reggie pondered, then brightened and responded:

"I suppose he was afraid the hair would fall in his soup."

Her Nightly Prayer

Teacher—"Why, Flossie! can't you tell what p-r-a-y-e-r spells? What's the last thing your ma says when she retires at night?"
Flossie—"She asks pa if he would mind the clock and put the cat out."

Little Things That Count

A school teacher refers to the members of the youngest class in arithmetic as "the little things that count."

In Woman's Realm

In devoting more space than formerly to the affairs of women, the Colonist is taking a step which it is hoped our lady friends will appreciate. Any communication from them of general interest will be welcome and carefully attended to.

HERE AND THERE

Sometimes children display an amazing ignorance of conditions in their own neighborhood. The Spokesman Review is shocked because the children in the first year in the High school at North Yakima could not describe the reclamation service to which the whole region owes its prosperity.

Is it not possible that there was something in the phraseology of the question which baffled the students? Yet we have heard teachers say that boys and girls were more ignorant of what went on at the Outer Wharf than of what happened at the Liverpool docks and that they had not the remotest idea of the industry pursued by Chinamen. It sometimes happens that what is most familiar to the teachers is the last thing spoken of to the scholars.

Christie Carey, who in the Montreal Herald has usually something sensible to say to girls, last week spoke of the desirability of frank friendship between boys and girls.

The matter is one that is of special interest to Victorians, for there is, in some quarters a disposition to look upon the companionship of children of opposite sexes as something to be discouraged. This is a great mistake. Children should be allowed to be children as long as they will. Prudishness is not modesty, but something very far removed from it. This is what Christie Carey says:

"A fact that surprises me very much is this, so many of my correspondents, that is the younger ones, complain bitterly that they are not even allowed to speak to a boy. I always thought Canadian girls were sensibly enough brought up to enjoy the companionship of boys, not in a stupid, sentimental way, but to take it as a matter of course. It seems to me that to stop such companionships because it may be harmful in one case in a hundred or have given some silly girl an excuse to flitter away her time, is a foolish reason for eliminating the friendship altogether. Girls who are not allowed to associate naturally as a matter of course, with boys of their own age, are very likely to take the first love affair like a death blow, and make an unwise marriage. Nice girls always have a refining and good influence over their boy friends, and it seems a pity to deprive them of the pleasure and profit of a mutual friendship."

There are many things in the business world that puzzle women when they have time to sit down and think. Here in Victoria the forest still reaches to within a few miles of the city and the farmers are often forced to burn the trees in order to clear the land and yet when we need the fuel they are obliged to waste it. We may pay a very high price for it. Coal is even dearer though we are not a hundred miles from the mines.

A few weeks ago farmers in the adjacent islands fed their pigs to their stock because they could get so little for them from the grocery stores. It did not pay to pick and pack them for market.

These and many such things were put out of our minds as something that cannot be helped and we adopt ourselves to circumstances as well as we can.

It is a relief to find that other people have the same difficulties to solve. The Toronto Globe, in its issue of the 12th inst. says consumers in that city are paying forty or fifty cents a peck for apples, while the crop is being left on the trees or on the ground because the railways are unable to handle it. In this case the blame for the waste is laid on the transportation companies. In another article of the same paper it is stated that the high price of meat is attributed to the security of animals fit for killing, while the Alberta ranchers have been forced to winter 50,000 head of cattle which were ready for the market. The Globe says:

"If the cattle had been bought, the railway had been kept busy shipping live animals and the consumption of the had been increased by a reduction of prices, it would have been benefitted to all the interests affected. But the powers that stand between the stock-raisers on the one hand and the consumers of meat on the other seem almost as strong as the white line that stands between the oil-well and the users of oil."

Perhaps this does not make the matter much clearer and we must still continue to work away and try to make our money go as far as we can under existing circumstances.

There is, we are sure, no one in the city who does not join in the good wishes tendered to Bishop Cridge in his ninetieth birthday. During the long life which he has spent in Victoria it would be quite impossible to estimate the good influence he has exerted. Long past the allotted span of human life it has been granted to him to pursue a career of usefulness and to enjoy the love and esteem of those among whom he has labored. Though few of us may hope or perhaps wish to enjoy his length of days we can all follow his example of unassuming goodness.

How many people stop to think, when they have something to say whether it is wise or right to say it or not. The words which will pain and grieve another are so lightly spoken. It is not that we want to do harm. The little rumor has reached us in some way, and we spread it as soon as we have an opportunity. The story, of course, most of us believe to be true or we would not repeat it. Yet why repeat it if it is true? There are cases in which it may be right to tell a story which is to the discredit of another, but they do not occur often. It might be a kindness, but a very unpleasant duty to inform the person about whom the tale is told, that such a report is going about. It is conceivable that this might do good, but what is sure to do harm both to ourselves, the person to whom we talk, and the person we talk about is

to lightly speak evil of another. There is enough of pain and sorrow in the world without our recklessly adding to the burdens our neighbors have to bear.

It is sad to hear that in the city of Toronto there are two hundred people who are forced to live on one meal a day. We are told that we all eat too much, but these poor people are not far removed from starvation. As the year draws to its close in Victoria we may well think that we have much for which to be thankful.

WOMEN'S WORK

At the regular meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Y.M.C.A. on Monday afternoon it was decided to change the day of meeting from the third to the fourth Monday in each month.

KEEP WELL AND YOUNG

Careful dressmakers say that the left arm of the average woman is shorter than the right, doubtless because it is less used. Physicians tell us that the appendix had once some purpose in the body, but through disuse has fallen into its present unenviable position as a menace to life; and regarding these things, we may confidently look forward to the age of the lungless man.

Probably not one in a hundred persons makes proper use of his lungs. If only deep breathing were taught in the schools, and practiced as faithfully as piano playing, we should speedily hear less of the "great white scourge." Not only does deep breathing of pure, fresh air improve the general health, but it straightens the form as well, puts youth in the face and color into cheek and lip that cannot be rivaled by the most cunning French rouge. The busiest housewife loses no time by dropping her work and stepping out for a dozen deep, full breaths five or six times a day. "As free as air," we say, and then exclude it from our houses and lungs as carefully as though it were pestilence.

An exercise, said among other things to induce breathing, recommended by Ernst Haeckel, the scientist, is simply stretching up, up, up, as if one were reaching for fruit on the branches of a tree or setting dishes on a high shelf. He explains the chief value of this exercise by saying that the internal organs have a tendency to drop with increasing years, and that this simple motion—a natural one, by the way, as most of us "stretch" on rising—serves to lift and keep them in proper position.

Even though we are not Christian Scientists, we must admit that their dictum "Think health," is a most wise thing. Mental and physical health depends far more on what we think than many of us care to admit. Too many of us are living cramped lives. A "pot-bound" plant will not blossom, and pot-bound lives, such as many of us lead, will bear no lasting fruit, and we fade mentally, physically, spiritually. For our own sakes and for the sake of those about us, we should make enjoyment part of each day's duties. To be happy does not necessarily imply that we must be idle. After all, play is only work that we like.

Stretching the body up is a good thing. So say all who have tried it. So let us think health, youth, happiness, and so stretch our minds up, up, up, until they, too, stand on tiptoe, and all the troubles of today that seemed so mountain-high fade away; for only by dropping our cares shall we attain any measure of that spirit of youth which has been the quest of the ages.—Elizabeth Noyes.

HUMOR OF THE HOUR

Discipline Must Be Observed

A new volunteer, who had not yet quite learned his business, was on sentry duty at night when a friend brought him a pie from the kitchen. As he sat on the grass eating the pie the major sauntered up in undress. The sentry, not recognizing him, did not salute, and the major stopped and said:

"Pie's that you have there?"
"Pie," said the sentry, good-naturedly. "Apple pie. Have a bit?"
The major frowned.

"Do you know who I am?" he asked.

"No," said the sentry, "unless you're the major's groom."

"Guess again," he growled.

"The barber from the village?"

"No."

"Maybe,"—here the sentry laughed—"maybe you're the major himself."

"That's right, I am the major," was the stern reply.

"The sentry scrambled to his feet. 'Good gracious!' he exclaimed. 'Hold the pie, will you, while I present arms!'"

And what a lot more happiness there might be in this dizzy old world if love would only remain blind after marriage.

Shortly after marriage a woman discovers that her husband has to have something to growl about, so she ceases to pay any attention to him.

Five Little Brothers.

Five little brothers set out together To journey the whole long day, In a curious carriage made of leather They hurried away, away! One big brother; then three quite small, And a wee little fellow, no size at all.

The carriage was dark and not too roomy,
So they could not move about;
The five little brothers grew very gloomy
And the wee one began to pout.

So the biggest one whispered, "What do you say?"
Let's leave the carriage and run away."

So off they scampered, the five together,
And far and away they sped;
When somebody found the carriage of leather,
Just think how she shook her head!

"Twat her the boy's shoe, for every one knows
That the five little brothers were five little toes."
—Selected.

PERSONAL MENTION

The Colonist readers are asked to assist in making this personal column as complete as possible. Send or phone items to the city editor.

Mrs. (Dr.) McSwain is confined to her room. Her illness, although not dangerous or severe, makes absolute rest necessary and prevents her from undertaking any social duties at present.

Rev. H. A. Kinley, of Milestone, Saskatchewan, who has been suffering from nervous prostration, has arrived in the city to spend the winter.

Miss A. Finlayson, who has been staying at the Dallas hotel, left this morning for Vancouver en route to England. She will sail from New York by the Mauretania, crossing the continent by the C. P. R.

D. W. Jones leaves today by the C. P. R. for Hamilton, Ont., where his mother is dangerously ill.

Miss Catherine McDonald left yesterday by the C. P. R. for Vernon B. C.

Miss Ferguson and sister left yesterday for Savona Ferry, B. C.

H. Phipps, W. G. Breeze, Bethune, Miss Davidson, F. A. Clarke, H. L. Gunter, C. C. McPherson, W. G. Griffith, Miss Kingsley, S. Williams, Capt. McKenzie, W. A. Cutler, A. J. Walker, Miss Dudgeon, Miss Leslie, T. Narnell, J. W. Coburn, E. M. Breed, G. W. Jones, A. Lederman, T. Hooper left this morning on the Princess Victoria for Vancouver.

TRIED RECIPES

Plum Pudding

One teacupful of milk and the same quantity of molasses, one pint of raisins, one and a half cups of flour, one cup of butter, one tablespoonful of melted butter, and a teaspoonful each of cinnamon and cloves, with half a nutmeg. Use flour sufficient to make it about the consistency of soft gingerbread, having previously sifted with the flour half a teaspoonful of baking powder. (See that the bag it is to be boiled in is scrupulously clean, and before using dip it in hot water and sprinkle with flour. Boil for three or four hours, and if the pudding can be suspended in the pot instead of resting on the bottom the risk of having the cloth adhere to the bottom will be avoided. The water should be boiling when the pudding is put into it, and should always be sufficient to cover the pudding. The boiling process must be continuous, never allowing it to fall below a simmer. Serve with wine sauce.

Christmas Pudding

Sift and mix with one and a half pounds of flour three teaspoonfuls of baking powder. Chop fine one pound of suet and mix with 10 well-beaten eggs, one teacupful of milk, a quarter of a pound of sugar, one pound of raisins seeded and chopped and the same quantity of cleaned currants, one teaspoonful each of cinnamon, allspice and ground cloves, the grated rind and juice of a lemon and two ounces of citron. Mix thoroughly. Rinse the pudding cloth in hot water and sprinkle it with flour; tie up the ends and boil for five hours. Sauce to liking.

Suet Pudding

To one teacupful of suet, minced down fine, add four teacupfuls of flour, half a pound of raisins, one teacupful of molasses, a teaspoonful of baking powder and a scant teacupful of milk, with a little salt and cinnamon to flavor. Boil for sauce. The baking powder should be mixed with the flour when dry.

Cold Meats

One of the simplest things to be done with cold meat is to prepare it with an apple jelly. To use cold lamb, remove the meat from the bones, cover the bones with water, add a bit of onion juice, a sprig of parsley, a bay leaf, and salt and cayenne, and simmer till you have a pint of good stock. If it happens that you have but few bones and the stock is not strong enough, put in a few drops of kitchen bouquet. Dissolve an even tablespoon of gelatin in cold water, stir this in, and strain through a flannel bag till clear. Cut the cold meat into small even pieces and drain a cup of cooked and seasoned peas. Lay a spoonful of peas first in a mold, then a layer of lamb, then more peas, and so on until the mold is quite full. Pour the stock over and set away to grow perfectly cold. In serving turn this out on a platter, surround with a circle of slices of hard-boiled egg mixed with sprig of parsley, cover with a circle of tomato slices with French dressing. A dish of the same kind may be made of veal instead of lamb, or even of sliced beef, though this is not as good.

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ISLAND FOOTBALL LEAGUE SCHEDULE

Twelve Teams Will Play in Three Series During Present Season

Ladysmith, Dec. 18.—The schedule meeting of the Vancouver Island Association was held this evening here. J. G. Brown, president, and E. Whyte, secretary, of Victoria and representatives of Nanaimo and the local club were in attendance. Five teams entered the senior series comprising the James Bay A. A., Y. M. C. A. and Esquimalt United of Victoria, Ladysmith and Nanaimo. In the intermediate series there are four teams, Nanaimo, Ladysmith and the Victoria West A. A. and Y. M. C. A. of Victoria. In the junior series there are three teams, Nanaimo, Ladysmith and the North Ward team of Victoria. The senior season will open on January 4. A committee consisting of one representative from each city along with the secretary and president, was appointed to select the teams to play against the mainland. Arrangements were made for a team from Nanaimo and Ladysmith to visit Victoria on New Year's Day to play the Y. M. C. A. The best of feeling was in evidence at the meeting, and the delegates seemed to be of one mind in their belief that the coming season would be the best in the history of the league.

The following are the schedules:

Senior Series
January 4—Ladysmith vs. Esquimalt, Nanaimo vs. James Bay A. A.
January 11—Nanaimo vs. Ladysmith.
January 18—Y. M. C. A. vs. Esquimalt, James Bay A. A. vs. Nanaimo.
January 25—Ladysmith vs. Y. M. C. A., Nanaimo vs. Esquimalt.
February 1—Ladysmith vs. James Bay A. A., Esquimalt vs. Y. M. C. A.
February 8—Trial game for inter-league match takes place at Ladysmith.
February 15—Y. M. C. A. vs. Nanaimo, Esquimalt vs. James Bay A. A.
February 22—James Bay A. A. vs. Ladysmith, Nanaimo vs. Y. M. C. A.
February 29—Y. M. C. A. vs. Ladysmith, James Bay A. A. vs. Esquimalt.
March 7—Mainland vs. Island at Vancouver.
March 14—Ladysmith vs. Nanaimo, James Bay A. A. vs. Esquimalt.
March 21—Esquimalt vs. Nanaimo, Ladysmith vs. James Bay A. A.
March 28—Esquimalt vs. Ladysmith, Y. M. C. A. vs. James Bay A. A.

Intermediate Series
January 18—Nanaimo vs. Victoria West A. A., Ladysmith vs. Y. M. C. A.
January 25—Victoria West A. A. vs. Y. M. C. A.
February 1—Y. M. C. A. vs. Nanaimo.
February 8—Nanaimo vs. Ladysmith.
February 15—Nanaimo vs. Y. M. C. A., Ladysmith vs. Victoria West A. A.
February 22—Victoria West A. A. vs. Nanaimo.
February 29—Ladysmith vs. Nanaimo.
March 7—No games scheduled.
March 14—Y. M. C. A. vs. Victoria West.
March 21—Y. M. C. A. vs. Ladysmith.
April 4—Victoria West vs. Ladysmith.

Junior Series
January 11—Nanaimo vs. Ladysmith.
January 18—Ladysmith vs. North Ward.
January 25—North Ward vs. Nanaimo.
February 1—Ladysmith vs. Nanaimo.
February 15—Nanaimo vs. North Ward.
February 21—North Ward vs. Ladysmith.
In each instance the team first named has the home game.

Select Team This Evening.
A meeting of the Victoria Rugby club executive will be held this evening, when the team to play at Vancouver on Saturday will be selected. A full fifteen, with a couple of spare men, will be taken along. W. Sweeney and Capt. Meredith will represent the club at the meeting of the British Columbia Rugby union on Saturday morning.

Test Game This Evening.

Winnipeg, Dec. 18.—Clint Bennett, of Brandon, is one of the officials for the hockey test game tomorrow night in the Auditorium between the Maple Leafs and Winnipeg to get into the senior class. Tom Phillips was suggested, but as he goes east tomorrow, along with J. P. Dickson, secretary and manager of the Ottawa Hockey club, he will be speeding in the opposite direction when the game starts.

Langford Defeats Barry

Los Angeles, Dec. 18.—Sam Langford, of Boston, and Jim Barry of Cleveland fought ten fast rounds before the Pacific Athletic club in this city last night. Langford was awarded the decision. Both men were severely punished. Langford outgaming Barry.

Doubt Accuracy of Report

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 18.—Doubt as to the accuracy of the report that the American Association had decided to place a ball club in Chicago was expressed by Chairman August Herrman, of the National baseball commission today. "The American Association will not be allowed to enter Chicago," declared Herrman, "unless the National and American Leagues give their consent."

It was confirmed in Chicago, but is generally reported today that the American League will refuse its consent to the placing of an American Association club in that city.

STANFORD RUGBY TEAM IS SELECTED

Composition of California University Rugby Fifteen to Play in Victoria

Vancouver, Dec. 18.—The arrangements for the entertainment of the Stanford rugby players during their sojourn in the city were completed at a meeting of the Rugby Union held last night. J. F. Maguire has very kindly offered the use of his automobiles and the visitors will be taken for an auto ride around the park and city. A big dance will be held in the Lester hall on the night of December 26, while the Cardinals will be banqueted on the night of the 28th. On New Year's night the visitors will attend the boxing tournament at the Y. A. C. in a body and will entertain the proceedings with college songs and yells.

Coch Presley in a letter to the Union gives the line-up of the Cardinals as follows:

Full Back—Brown.
Three-quarters—Holman, Vandervoot, Owens.
Forwards—Mitchell, Canong, Forwards—Koeber, Rhys, Minton, Crawford, J. R. Pemberton, Thorpe, Miller, C. E. Pemberton.

The Stanford boys will arrive here on December 23 and will be quartered at the St. Francis hotel. The Vancouver team will meet Vancouver on Saturday at Recreation park in the initial game of the McKee-Cutler Cup series.

The Vancouver team will be selected from among the following: Spencer, Bredon Jack, Marpole, Young, Pyson, D. Bell-Irving, Bull, Lawson, Ellis, backs: Thomas, Smith, Dunn, Spranger, Loftus, Shearer, Scott, Davis, Burke, Bryant, Harris, Brenton, forwards.

Conkle Throws Tremblay
Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 18.—Charles Conkle, of Hamilton, Ont., threw Tremblay, champion lightweight wrestler of Canada, twice in 45 minutes tonight, catch-as-catch-can style. The first fall was made in 35½ minutes and the second in 9½ minutes.

Last of Jiu Jitsu Trouble.
New Westminster, Dec. 18.—The last act in the world's championship jiu jitsu wrestling match which was held during the provincial exhibition in this city last October was enacted last Saturday when the agricultural society of the exhibition paid over \$200 to Prof. Kanada in lieu of his claim for first money. The match was between Leopold McLachlan and Prof. Kanada and after three hours of mauling in which neither secured a decision from the official referee, F. J. Lynch. After Lynch left the platform, T. J. Armstrong, chairman of the special features committee, awarded the match to McLachlan and the first money was paid to the Scotman the same day, but a few days later Prof. Kanada also asked for first money, alleging that McLachlan did not wrestling according to agreement. When he was refused payment he instituted suit against the agricultural society which has now been settled by the payment of \$200 to Kanada in lieu of his claim for three times that amount.

BARE-KNUCKLE FIGHT IN GOLDSTREAM BARN

Negro and White Man Fight to a Finish Before Big Crowd

A bare-knuckle fight to a finish, under London Prize Ring rules, between James Barnswell, a negro, whose usual occupation is sealing, and Oliver Fisher, a local bartender, was pulled off early yesterday morning in a barn at Goldstream. Fisher scored a furious fighting. Fisher scored a clean knockout. About fifty local sports were at the ringside and contributed to the purse for which the men battled.

Reports of the bout, which is said to have been the third between the pair, would indicate that it was a bloody battle. They went at each other viciously and mixed it up in great style to the intense delight of the spectators. Fisher fought rather carefully and covered up well, but at that received some punishment, which included a cut over one eye. Barnswell was over-anxious and kept rushing matters. Finally he tore in head-down and Fisher who was just waiting for the opening, cut loose an uppercut that lifted the negro fully a foot from the ground. Barnswell fell to the ground unconscious and it took him fully five minutes to come round. When he did regain his senses the negro desired to shake hands with his conqueror, but the latter refused, whereupon the defeated man desired to fight over again, a request which was denied him.

The bout took place shortly after eight o'clock and when the fighters and spectators were returning to the city about 9 o'clock they encountered Provincial Constable Conway, who had heard of the occurrence and was hurrying to the scene in an automobile in order to prevent the fight if possible. The officer was too late to be of any service whatever, and the crowd just gave him the horse-lough. Whether he will have the satisfaction of laughing last, however, remains to be seen. The matter is now under the consideration of the provincial police department and it is possible that prosecutions will follow.

The two previous fights between Barnswell and Fisher resulted in a win for the negro in the first bout and a victory for Fisher in the second. They had a sidebet of \$50 each on yesterday's bout.

Fernwood Card Tournament.

Tonight the fourth round of the Fernwood five hundred tournament will be held at the club rooms, Gladstone avenue. Intending competitors are reminded that this and the fifth round will be their last opportunity of entering if they have not already played one or more rounds. All players are urged to be on time as the draw will take place at 8:15 p.m. sharp.

Third Captain For Nanaimo.

Nanaimo, Dec. 18.—For the third time this year the Hornets have a new captain. At the meeting of the Rugby Union held last night, J. R. McKinnell, resigned and J. Wilson was elected to fill the position. T. Jordan and I. Dykes were appointed delegates to attend a meeting of the B. C. Rugby Union to be held in Vancouver on Saturday, to draw up a schedule of games for the McKee-Cutler cup.

A full practice of the team will be held on the cricket ground on Sunday morning next, at the close of which a meeting will be held to listen to the report from the B. C. Rugby Union delegates.

Farmer Burns a Winner

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 18.—Farmer Burns the Iowa wrestler, last night defeated Mike Dwyer of Denver in two straight falls. The first went thirty-four minutes and the second eight and a half minutes. When Dwyer went down in the last fall he fell on his open right hand, so seriously injuring his wrist that he will be forced to give up wrestling for some time. A physician who dressed the wound said it might result in permanent injury.

SOCCER ACROSS THE LINE.

Seattle, Dec. 18.—Once again Seattle emerged from the league competition with a victory, the Rangers being the latest victims. These teams met Sunday at Dugdale's park before a good attendance, when the league leaders went out by a score of two goals to nothing. The score was not a true indication of the play, for the Seattle men at all stages, particularly in the second half, showed they were masters of the situation.

The Tacomas went down to defeat before the Seattle Wanderers in the soccer football game at Tacoma yesterday afternoon. The final score was 4 to 1. Tacoma's day their day was yesterday, for their best kicker, McDougall, was kicked out in the first half, being quite badly hurt and had to retire from the game. Up to this time the team had held its own. The game was well attended.

The following is the standing of the teams:

Teams	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Seattle	4	3	1	0	6	2	7
Wanderers	4	2	0	11	5	6	4
Thistles	4	2	0	6	3	6	4
Rangers	4	1	1	2	11	3	3
Tacoma	4	0	1	3	3	10	1
St. Lawrence	4	0	0	4	3	11	0

STANFORD BOXER AS REFEREE

Jimmy Pemberton to Officiate in Bouts at Vancouver

Vancouver, Dec. 18.—At the big boxing tournament by the Vancouver Athletic Club on New Year's night, the referee will be Jimmy Pemberton of Stanford University and a member of the Cardinal Rugby team. The Stanford team will attend in a body, and it was a graceful act on the part of the committee to ask Mr. Pemberton to officiate. He is particularly well fitted for the task, for he holds the heavyweight championship of Stanford, and can be relied upon to give complete satisfaction. James Fullerton and Archie McNaughton will act as judges, and with these three experts in charge the tournament will be run on model lines.

The main event will be a heavyweight contest between Laing of the Vancouver Athletic Club and Bradner of the Sixth Regiment, and the bout is sure to be a peach. Laing won the title last year from Ogilvie, and is working out under George Paris, Bradner, formerly Chief Chisholm's secretary, has had a large experience in many clinics. Other events will include a 125-pound contest between Jack McPherson and Tom McDonald, and a bout between Henderson and Bourne at 158 pounds. There will be seven other events, so it will be seen that the swiftest will be extensive.

GROUNDS SELECTED FOR SATURDAY GAMES

James Bays and Egeria Eleven Will Play at Beacon Hill Park

Before going up to Ladysmith yesterday, Ed. Whyte, secretary of the Victoria District Football league, made arrangements for the local league games next Saturday. The big game of the day will be between Shearwater and Esquimalt, which teams are fighting it out for second place, and they will play at Oak Bay. The game between the Garrison and Y. M. C. A. which will also have a hearing on the second position in the league, will be played at Work Point Barracks, while the James Bay Athletic association eleven will meet the Egeria team at Beacon Hill. If the Bays win this game the championship is theirs no matter what happens to them in their other two remaining fixtures, and even should they lose it will not materially affect their standing, though they have to win to clinch the championship beyond dispute.

Chief interest in the league series now centres in the struggle for second place, four teams all having a chance to land the honors. The Y. M. C. A. and Esquimalt are now tied for second, with 14 points apiece, but should the Garrison win from the Egeria today, they will also have 14 points making a three corner tie. The game this afternoon will take place at Work Point barracks at 2:30 o'clock.

INTERNATIONAL CUP RACES.

Brooklyn Yacht Club Formulates Conditions for New Competition.

New York, Dec. 18.—Conditions governing the contests for the international challenge cup offered by the Brooklyn Yacht club, with the design of developing yachts of a wholesome trip, were formulated today by a committee appointed by the club. Sloops competing for the cup shall not be more than sixty feet nor less than thirty-five feet on the lead water line, and schooner chasers for the trophy shall not be of greater length than eight feet, nor less than forty feet. The races must be sailed between July 11 and October 15, and the challenging yacht must proceed under sail on its own bottom from the home port to the waters of the club holding the cup.

Under the cup provisions the exact date, length of course, racing rules and other conditions are to be mutually arranged between the challenging and defending clubs. The conditions provide that the yachts shall be measured and rated for the time allowance in the rating and measurement rules of the Brooklyn Yacht club. The contest for the cup shall consist of not less than three races. No action was taken with regard to Sir Thomas Lipton's offer of a \$1,000 cup for an ocean race in American waters.

American Association in Chicago

Chicago, Dec. 18.—The Record-Herald tomorrow will say that James J. Callahan, former manager of the local American League Baseball club, today accepted a proposition from the American association to establish a club of that organization in Chicago, the St. Paul club to be transferred.

Central Baptists to Play Football

The Central Baptist Baraca class has organized a senior and intermediate association football team. The intermediates will play the North Park school on Saturday, and the senior team have challenged the H. M. S. Shearwater team for a game Christmas Day.

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Minneapolis, Dec. 18.—Jack Johnson closed negotiations for a match with "Philadelphia Jack" O'Brien. The bout will take place in Philadelphia some time within three weeks. The date has not yet been fixed. It will be a six-round affair and Johnson will receive \$5,000 for his share.

"I don't know what I can do with O'Brien in six rounds," said Johnson, who is exhibiting in this city. "They can call O'Brien a faker, but in bouts ranging from 6 to 20 rounds, he can make the best of them travel some."

Amateur Problem Puzzling.
Vancouver, Dec. 18.—Because Green,

a lacrosse player, who was placed under the ban by the C. A. A. U., was a member of the Fairview basketball team, the Vancouver Athletic club team would not play on Saturday, and it was not until the Fairview men substituted another man that the club men donned their uniforms.

The professional and amateur question is becoming serious in the west, and although meetings galore have been held here does not appear to be any solution to the difficulty. The basketball clubs seem determined to keep the lacrosse men out of the game and the Union has refused to reinstate the men. That's the situation in a nutshell. The warring factions are still very much in evidence, but are not making much headway.

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On the Waterfront

MAY BE SENT ON ERRAND OF MERCY

H. M. S. Shearwater May Be Ordered to Search for the Silberhorn Survivors

FATE OF THE MISSING SHIP

Delayed Report Indicates Coal Carrier Was Burned in South Pacific

H. M. S. Shearwater may be ordered to the South American coast from Esquimalt, to search for possible survivors of the crew of the missing Liverpool ship Silberhorn if the admiralty responds to requests being made in England. There is a possibility that survivors of the Silberhorn may have reached some small islands off the coast of Chile, although but slight hopes are held in this regard.

The Silberhorn was posted as missing at Lloyd's about three weeks ago, after being reinsured at 90 per cent. for many months, and when nothing could be heard concerning her, despite the strictest inquiry the bell of the old Lutine was tolled to mark the wiping of her name from the British merchant marine. Now, however, comes a delayed report that the Silberhorn was burned at sea not far from the coast of Chile in August last, and there is a possibility that some of her crew may have reached Juan Fernandez island or Mas a Feura.

The Silberhorn left Newcastle with a cargo of coal for Iquique June 12, and two days later the German bark Anna loaded with coals from Newcastle for Puna Blanca left the Australian coal port also bound to the west coast of South America, following a similar course. In August 23 when in latitude 32° 34' south, longitude 82° 28' west the Anna passed a burning ship, apparently with full cargo, the masts having fallen and the sides so severely scorched that only the letters "ool" could be made out. The position was about ninety miles from the island of Mas a Feura, which lies off the Chilean coast. Since then nothing has been heard of the vessel's crew.

The general impression at Lloyd's is that it was the Silberhorn that the crew of the German bark saw. The paint was all scorched, but it was possible to make out "ool," the last three letters of the Silberhorn's port of registry. There were a good many men in the room at Lloyd's, who believed the Silberhorn had been burned at sea, but this view did not hold favor with the majority, being considered unusual on this cross voyage. The popular theory was that she foundered during bad weather. There is much indignation regarding the delay in the report of the burning of the Silberhorn, and the report of the burning ship sighted.

The Anna did not make any report on arrival at Puna Blanca to Lloyd's or other responsible source, and for three months she remained at the South American port. Ultimately the news reached the British consul-general at Valparaiso, who further delayed making any report. Meanwhile month after month the reinsurers speculated concerning the fate of the vessel, and the pigeon holes of the consul-general's desk held the information of her loss. He recently transmitted the report to the periodical report to the British government, which informed Lloyd's. The underwriters complain bitterly because the consul-general did not communicate with Lloyd's agent at Valparaiso when he received the report. They propose to make an inquiry to ascertain who is blameable.

As it is thought there is a slim possibility that the crew may have escaped in their own boats and landed at Mas a Feura or Juan Fernandez island, a vessel despatched to those islands to search. The underwriters and others are calling upon the admiralty to despatch a warship from Esquimalt. The Shearwater is the only vessel available for such a cruise, and last year was used to voyage to Galapagos islands to investigate some charges of peonage regarding some blacks alleged to be held in slavery at the southern islands by some sugar planters. The finding of the survivors of the Russian bark Alexandra, which was abandoned at sea on an uninhabited island off the west coast of South America after being on the island for months living precariously on what food the island and sea afforded, and the recent finding of the survivors of the Dundonald, posted three months ago at Lloyd's, after they had lived on the uninhabited island in the Auckland where they had been cast away after their vessel drove ashore and was wrecked, being ultimately picked up and taken to Bluff, New Zealand, by a government steamer, has given some hope that some of those who left the burning vessel may still be alive. The hope is small, however, as it is considered that they would have been heard from before now.

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SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

Tatoosh, Dec. 18, 8 a.m.—Weather clear, wind east, 18 miles an hour.

Carmanah, 9 a.m.—Light easterly wind; little southwest swell coming in. No shipping.

Cape Beale, 9 a.m.—Northeast wind, sea smooth. No shipping. Tatooosh, noon—Weather clear, wind east, 26 miles an hour. Inward, bark Fresno, nine days from San Francisco for Port Gamble. Outward, barkentine Mary Winkelman from Everett.

Carmanah, 1 p.m.—Moderate sea, clear and smooth. No shipping. Cape Beale, 1 p.m.—Clear, light easterly wind. Sea smooth. Inward, at 10:30 a.m., three-masted schooner.

Carmanah, 6 p.m.—Moderate sea, smooth and cloudy. No shipping.

Cape Beale, 6 p.m.—Cloudy, easterly winds, sea smooth. No shipping.

R. P. RITHET'S REPORT.
Shipping Business Dull During Month of November.

The monthly freight and shipping report of R. P. Rithet & Co. Ltd., for November, just received, says: Shipping business during the month has been dull. Although vessels are scarce, the demand is correspondingly light, and only a few charters have been reported, as will be seen from the unusually small list annexed. Lumber freights remain without change. This quietude is no doubt due to the present financial conditions, which make shippers cautious about entering into engagements.

We quote freights as follows: Grain—San Francisco to Cork, 25s; Portland to Cork, 22s. 6d. to 23s. 9d.; Tacoma and Seattle to Cork, 22s. 6d. to 23s. 9d. Lumber—British Columbia or Puget Sound to Sydney, 20s; Melbourne or Adelaide, 35s. to 37s. 6d.; Port Pirie, 35s. to 37s. 6d.; Fremantle, 35s. to 40s.; Shanghai, 35s. to 36s. 3d. (steamers); Direct Nitrate Port, 46s. 3d. to 50s.; Taku, 35s. to 36s. 3d.; Vladivostok, —; West Coast, S. A., 47s. 6d. to 50s.; South Africa, 57s. 6d. to 60s.; U. K. or Continent, 55s. to 60s.

THE OVERDUE MARKET

Halewood Has Arrived—New Vessels Placed on the List for Re-insurance

More changes were made in the overdue list quoted for reinsurance yesterday. The Liverpool ship Halewood, of 2,153 tons burden, belonging to the Leyland Shipping Company, Limited, which left San Jose de Guatemala on July 21 last for Sydney, N. S. W., is reported arrived. The vessel was considerably overdue, and as much as 35 guineas per cent. "total loss only" had been paid to cover her on the market.

Some additions to the list of vessels on the market have also been made. The British ship Walden Abbey, an iron ship of 1,799 tons, built in 1881 by W. H. Potter & Son, of Liverpool, and owned by Macvicar, Marshall & Co., of Liverpool, is reinsured at 7 per cent. She is 181 days out from the Tyne for Portland, Oregon. The Eureka bark Bougainville, a new vessel, 187 days out from Swansea for San Francisco, is also quoted at 7 per cent. The General Fairclough, a French steel bark of 2,226 tons, built at Nantes for the Cie Marine Francaise, in 1901, has been reinsured at 5 per cent. She left the Tyne, 143 days out from Antofagasta for the United Kingdom. The Granel, a British steel bark of 1,707 tons, built at Port Glasgow by R. Duncan & Co., in 1889, Leitch & Mun (the Brunel Ship Company), is also quoted at 5 per cent. She is 142 days out from Pisagua for the United Kingdom. The Ayra, 143 days out from Antofagasta for the United Kingdom, is quoted at 5 per cent. She is a German four-masted bark, ex British ship Otterburn, of 2,063 tons, built by Barclay Curle & Co., of Glasgow, in 1892, and is now owned at Bremen. Eighty per cent. is being offered for her.

Mount Temple and Queen Cristina, the former ashore at Ironbound island off the Nova Scotia coast, and the latter ashore at North Seal rocks, near Eureka. There is little business on either of these risks.

FAVORS THE SCHEME.

Marine Journal Recommends Coast Light System of Capt. Logan.

The Railway and Marine News of Seattle reprints from the Colonist the article recently published regarding Capt. W. H. Logan's proposed method of coast lighting by using vertically oscillating searchlight rays. The light instead of oscillating or being fixed after the manner of the present tower lanterns, throws an oscillating beam, or pencil of light high into the air, which can be seen an immense distance in clear weather, and has the faculty also of finding the thin places in fog banks.

This is the character of light that should be placed on Tatoosh island, to take the place of the stationary light on that point, says the Railway and Marine News. The editor says he takes great pleasure in calling the attention of United States government officials to Captain Logan's system in the hope that some arrangement can be made for the installation of the system.

"While we on this side of the line have been talking about what should be done to improve conditions at the cape and along the straits," says the Sound paper, "the authorities on the British side have been acting, and since the Valencia disaster a number of valuable aids have been installed along the Vancouver island shore."

SEALING CLAIMS WHICH ARE UNPAID

Although Courts Admitted Illegality of Seizure, U. S. Did Not Settle

The settlement of the Russian sealing claims by the payment of \$82,544 by the St. Petersburg government for the illegal seizure of the schooners Maria, Carmelite, Rosie Olsen and Vancouver Belle off the Copper Island sealing grounds in 1892 leaves few pending claims, but some of those still outstanding, it is felt, should have been pressed with more determination by the Canadian and Imperial governments, notably the claim for the illegal seizure of the steamer Coquitlam by the United States revenue cutter Corwin off Port Etches, Prince William Sound, in 1892. The remedy is available despite the fact that the decision given in a United States court in a case brought by the owners resident in Victoria was in favor of the Coquitlam holding her seizure to be illegal and unjustified. Further than this an arrangement was made by the Joint High Commission some years ago to settle the claim on the basis of payment of 80 per cent. of the amount claimed. There are also pending the claims against the United States government for the seizure of the Victoria sealing schooners Katherine, Kate and Favorite, still to be settled, and three against the Russian government concerning the sealing boats under seizure of the schooners Alnoka, Maud S. and C. H. Tupper, of Victoria, in 1892, when the four other schooners were seized and taken to Petropavlovsk, where their crews were imprisoned.

The steamer Coquitlam was sent north with supplies to act as a tender to the Bering sea sealing fleet in 1892, and was to have brought home the catch of the schooners. Some had placed their catch on board before the Corwin came and seized the vessel off Port Etches, Prince William Sound. In order to bolster up a case against the Coquitlam the United States authorities brought into use an old law of 1786 with respect to smuggling, but when the case was brought in the United States supreme court the instance of the seizure of the Corwin was cited, and the judge's decision was that the seizure was an illegal one. In 1898 when the claim brought for compensation following the decision in the United States court that the seizure was illegal was presented to the Joint High Commission then sitting it was arranged that a settlement of the claim was to be made by the Washington government on the basis of eighty per cent. of the claim, which the local sealers agreed. The claim has not yet been paid, though, as also the claims of the Kate, Favorite and Katherine, which were also arranged for settlement on the basis of 80 per cent.

The Alnoka, Maud S. and C. H. Tupper were not actually seized, but lost their season by being ordered away from Copper Island sealing grounds, the Maud S. being sent to Victoria, and the Alnoka to Yokohama for trial before the consular court, where she was found not guilty of any infraction of the law. The owners and those interested in the vessels asked damages for the loss of the season. In the previous cases settled by the governments interested the consequential damages, such as prospective catch, have been eliminated, and the owners and others interested in the vessels in question are asking that they be recompensed for their out of pocket expenses.

The local sealers look upon the present attitude of the governments interested in the settlement of the sealing question as placing them in a most humiliating situation, as recently instanced by the seizure of the schooner Carlotta G. Cox, now awaiting trial for alleged illegal sealing. It is pointed out that the campaign made by the Victoria sealers allegedly for the protection of the seal, differs exceedingly from the bearing towards the Japanese. Some of the Japanese sealers were taken in the actual act of raiding, fined ridiculously small amounts, and no action taken against their schooners.

MARINERS ARE PUZZLED BY NEW MARINE AIDS

Notice of New Lights is Not Published as Widely as Considered Desirable

"Since the Valencia disaster at Pachena bay on the Vancouver coast nearly two years ago, the United States and British Columbia governments have not only discussed means for protecting the coast, but have already provided additional safeguards," says the Tacoma Ledger.

"Sometimes masters do not learn of alterations in which event they are greatly confused while approaching the coast. As an illustration of this, several ship masters have recently been in a predicament while approaching the strait by seeing the new light buoy recently installed by the Dominion government on Swiftsure bank. The beacon is placed in nineteen fathoms, about in the middle of the stretch between Tatoosh and the shore of Vancouver island. The American government some time since placed a whistling buoy on this bank and its presence was generally known.

A tickle cough, from any cause, is quickly stopped by Dr. Shoop's Cough Cure. And it is so thoroughly harmless and safe in a predicament while approaching the coast, that it is used everywhere to give it without hesitation, even to very young babies. The wholesome green leaves and tender stems of a lung-healing mountain shrub, furnish the curative principle to Dr. Shoop's Cough Cure. It calms the cough, and heals the sore and sensitive bronchial membrane. No opium or chloroform, nothing harsh used to injure or suppress. Simply a resinous plant extract that helps to heal aching lungs. The Spaniards call this shrub which the Doctor uses, "The Sacred Herb." Demand Dr. Shoop's. Take no other. Cyrus H. Bowes.

Later the Dominion authorities placed a larger and better light on the same bank as the United States buoy. The Canadian beacon is a high trestle with a strong light.

"While approaching the entrance several weeks ago, the British steamer Oanfa first made out the buoy light. Capt. Lyceet knew of its presence and discreetly kept at a safe distance, being considerably puzzled. It was not until he picked up Carmanah light that he was sure of his position. Capt. Lyceet knew of the American buoy, but he knew also that there was no light on it, and further he was positive that the light was not on the American buoy. After he had made port and inquired his line of reasoning was justified by the facts stated to him.

"The experience of the Oanfa is also that of several other vessels which have recently arrived.

"As a stronger example of the dangers to which shipping is subjected, when lights and buoys are changed without ample notice, the case of the American steamer Tampico may be cited. The Tampico struck on Neil creek, Johnston's narrows during a dense and thick fog last month. A buoy had been changed by the Dominion government and the pilot had received no notice of it. The United States Sound inspectors suggest that the Dominion government have changes published in the American papers as much of the shipping in British Columbia waters comes from this side.

"Several years ago the British steamer Yangtze, while making for the entrance to the straits, picked up the light on Lennard island. The master had not been notified of its establishment in 1892, and the result was greatly puzzled. He concluded that it might be one of the lights on the American side, and as it was his first visit to this coast, he cautiously kept off shore until the morning, when he could see his way in. His navigation was proved correct, but the new light of which he knew nothing led to no little worry and anxiety."

INSTALLING SEARCHLIGHT.

New Style of Aid to Navigation For Cape Flattery.

What will probably be the first electric searchlight to be used for a fog danger signal will be installed at Cape Flattery in a few days by the lighthouse tender Columbine, says the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. The installation of the light is a new plan which will be of great benefit to shipping.

Electric searchlights are believed to be more effective in piercing fog banks than the usual fixed light or revolving light of the coastwise tower. In its movements the electric beam often pierces portions of the fog thinner than mists, and of an out range of the stationary lamp's rays.

TANGO MARU COMING

Japanese Liner Has Nearly 700 Tons Of Freight for Victoria

A cablegram from Yokohama reports that the steamer Tango Maru, Capt. A. E. Moses, which left the Japanese port December 11 for this port and is due Christmas day, has 101 stowage passengers, including 2 Chinese for Victoria. The vessel has 697 tons of cargo to land here.

MANY STEAMERS DUE

Large Number of Vessels Will Come For Coal During This Week

Quite a few steamers are about due at this port. The Canadian-Australian liner Monna is expected to reach port today, the first of several to come. The German steamer Tolosan of the Jeben line, is expected from Seattle to load bunker coal at Comox for her voyage to North China ports. The Norwegian steamer Minerva, which brought coal to Bremerton from Norfolk for the United States government, is coming to coal at Comox. The grain-laden British steamer Craighour is expected to pass over the Columbia river this morning to reach here tomorrow bound to the Island bunkers to load coal for the first stage of her voyage to the United Kingdom.

The Queen Elizabeth, a big British steamer with a cargo of coal from Norfolk for Bremerton, is due and will come to Nanaimo to load bunker coal before continuing to the United States naval yards on Puget sound to discharge.

The steamer Germanicus is on her way from Guayaquil, being expected here about December 26. The Kazembe, chartered for the Alley line to New Zealand, is to sail tomorrow for Auckland via ports.

BANFIELD LIFEBOAT

Capt. Gillen Comes From Banfield to Take Over Craft

The Banfield creek lifeboat will be brought from Sidney by Capt. Gillen, who arrived yesterday from Banfield creek for this purpose. An engineer is being sent to Sidney to superintend the unloading of the vessel and the ferry in at high water, and she will be brought to Victoria and will proceed from here without delay to Banfield creek, where the station has been equipped and is ready to receive her.

AMUR RETURNS

Brought Small Complement of Passengers From West Coast Ports

The steamer Amur, Capt. Townsend, of the C. P. R., reached port yesterday from Quatsino and way ports of the west coast of Vancouver island after an uneventful trip. She brought 25 passenger and some freight. Among the passengers was Capt. Gillen, coxswain of the life-saving station at Banfield creek, who came down to take over the new lifeboat which will take to the west coast station under her own power. Another passenger was Mr. Black, treasurer of the Southern Cross Mining company of Sidney Inlet.

The Amur brought three horses which have been used on the 22 miles of trail built by Mr. Macdonald and party who spent the summer on the island coast. It seems there was some difficulty in getting the horses out over the trail, they being mired several times.

The Amur will sail again on Friday night for Cape Scott and way ports.

FOR WEST COAST

Quadra Leaves This Morning to Land Stores at Many Points

The government steamer Quadra, Capt. Hackett, will leave this morning on the fastest trip to be made during the past year. The Quadra has been ordered to Clayoquot and light stations en route with supplies, buoys, etc., if possible, will land the balance of the machinery and stores for Cape

Beale taken on her last trip. As it was hoped to have the vessel in port for Christmas an effort will be made to accomplish the landing of the stores and return before Wednesday next.

NEW WAGE SCALE

Masters and Mates of Sound Steamers Make Arrangement

The Association of Masters, Mates and Pilots of Puget Sound in a conference with a committee representing the Puget Sound Shipowners association, have arranged a new wage schedule to go into effect at the beginning of the year and last until April, 1909. The new scale does not affect the wages of captains of Puget sound steamboats, but cuts the pay of mates about \$5 a month along the scale. In the case of canneries, tugs, both capitalists and mates will receive more pay.

In making the new scale every steamboat on Puget sound was classified and wages were discussed according to the vessel's earning power, length of route and hours of service. Passenger boats were divided into four classes, tugs into five classes and cannery tugs and Sound tugs were separated into two classes.

Mates will receive hereafter from \$55 to \$60, according to their work. Mates on freighting vessels will not receive under \$70 monthly. Beginning only will receive \$60. The former scale was from \$50 down. The cut will affect about 30 per cent of the mates, especially those on the smaller boats. Masters' salaries run from \$100 to \$200.

Tenders are being invited by the Pacific Coast Steamship company for repairs to the steamer Alki, which was docked at Seattle on Monday.

The Nippon Yusen kaisha line steamer Kaga Maru, which left here on December 3 reached Yokohama on Tuesday.

The steamer City of Puebla left San Francisco at 11 a. m. yesterday for this port. She had a rough trip southward, encountering very heavy weather off Cape Blanco.

Steam whaling in the Gulf of Georgia has been very successful, according to advice from the Puget Sound whaling station, where over 30 whales have already been converted into oil and guano. A large crushing machine for treatment of the fertilizer is here, having been brought from Seattle by the steamer Princess Royal and will shortly be shipped to the station.

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GAINS TRIUMPHS AT HOME AND ABROAD

British Columbia Repeats Its Successes of Former Years

The triumphs of British Columbia fruit have been so continuous during the past four or five years that British Columbians have begun to take them as a matter of course. Not only in Great Britain has the fruit from this province demonstrated its superiority but at the recent fruit exhibit held in Vancouver, apples from Grand Forks was awarded the decision over fruit from Hood River, Ore., which centre has been regarded as the producer of the finest apples in the world.

British Columbia was awarded the highest stand for its exhibit at the recent Colonial exhibition held by the Royal Horticultural society, taking the gold medal of that body. According to later reports Nova Scotia received second place and Ontario third place, each receiving the society's silver Knightian medal.

A letter received from R. M. Palmer, provincial horticulturist, now in England in charge of the provincial fruit exhibits gives the following list of prize winners at the famous show in London:

Province of British Columbia, gold medal; Thos. G. Earl, Lytton, silver gilt Banksian medal; Mrs. J. Smith, Spence's Bridge, silver Knightian medal; Messrs. Stirling and Pitcairn, Kelowna, silver Knightian medal; J. R. Brown, Summerland, silver Knightian medal; Oscar Brown & Co., Vernon, silver Banksian medal; Kaslo Fruit Growers' association, Kaslo, silver Banksian medal; A. Unsworth, Chilliwack, silver Banksian medal; J. A. Ritchie, Summerland, bronze Knightian medal; Grand Forks district, bronze Knightian medal; Salmon Arm Fruit Growers' association, Salmon Arm, bronze Knightian medal.

At the recent fruit display held at Vancouver in which the states of Oregon, Washington, Utah and Idaho took a part, nearly all the first prizes were captured by fruit from British Columbia. The following is the list of awards:

Class 1—For the best five boxes of apples, five varieties, first prize gold medal, value \$100; second prize, gold and silver medal, value \$50; third prize, the "Birks" silver medal, value \$25. In this competition D. M. won the gold medal, A. I. Mason of Hood River, Ore., the gold and silver medal, and T. G. Earl of Lytton the "Birks" medal.

Class 2—For the best display of fresh fruit any design of stand not more than ten feet high and occupying a floor space of not more than five square feet, first prize, gold medal, value \$100; second prize, gold and silver medal, value \$50; third prize, the "Birks" silver medal, value \$25. The Kelowna Fruit Growers' association won the first prize in this class, Monshberger and Hope of Grand Forks, B. C., the second, and the Okanagan County Horticultural association of Wenatchee, Wash., the third.

Class 3—For the best box of commercial apples. Each exhibitor, or his representative, to have the privilege of addressing the convention and the judges for seven minutes on the merits of his exhibit and the district in which it was grown. First prize, the "Birks" silver medal, value \$25; second prize, bronze medal, value \$15; third prize, bronze medal, value \$10. The first prize was captured by A. I. Mason of Hood River, Ore., (Yellow Newton Pippins); the second by E. A. Sheppard of Hood River, (Spitzenbergs); and the third by T. G. Earl of Lytton, (Spitzenbergs).

The following account of the fruit exhibit appeared in the London Daily Telegraph, November 30, 1907:

An exhibition which opened yesterday at the Royal Horticultural Society's hall at Westminster is one of the most interesting ever held under their auspices, demonstrating the surpassing excellence of our colonial products. The contributing colonies are British Columbia, Nova Scotia, Canada, West Indies, and South Africa. The principal objects of the exhibition are the encouragement of colonial and home industries, the advertising of special products, and the providing of useful lessons to be learnt from the excellence of the packing of colonial fruit. The pre-eminent section was that of British Columbia, with a superb display of magnificent apples, consisting of 275 cases, the fruit being entirely grown out of doors on standard trees. These apples, although having been gathered and packed in the ordinary way, and having stood a journey of 6,000 miles, present an appearance which would justify the belief that they had been freshly taken from a local hothouse. This exhibit was placed first amongst the colonial fruits. Next to British Columbia came the show of fruit from Nova Scotia.

"Both these colonies are producing varieties of apples well known in England, and it is but fair to add that, excellent as are the exhibits, they may be taken as a true sample of the fruit sent by them to our markets in the ordinary way of business. This year's crop of apples in Nova Scotia is estimated at 750,000 barrels, valued by the growers at about \$400,000.

"The West Indies were strongly represented, not only by such fruits as bananas, limes, oranges, grapefruit, shaddock, and many kinds of yams, but by liquors, viz., Jamaica rum, Barbados rum, bay rum, and a liqueur named Philum; also by very sweet, luscious preserves and exceptionally hot pickles. Jamaica cigars and cigarettes from the little colony of Cyprus were, likewise, interesting features. Mrs. W. H. Sharpe, of Grenada, has contributed some interesting sweets made in the West Indies, the most notable being cacao-cheese, which is obtained from the cocoa-bean.

"South Africa was chiefly represented by food products of a sweet nature, called 'Komfys,' made from melons, figs, apricots, peaches, and pears. These are rather too sweet to suit British palates, and arrangements have been made to lessen the amount of sugar used in the manufacture in future. Very interesting were the South African calabash pipes, made from the Cape gourd, and lined with meerschaum, which are of light weight, and will probably become very popular among pipe smokers. Two extraordinary kids, taken from the same colony attracted much attention, the Roel-Bosch and the Cape Clopia, the former having a wiry or fibrous and the latter a dusty appearance. Cape tobacco, Cape wines and liquors were also in evidence.

"The British section of the exhibition was also very attractive, the most attractive display being that of Mr. W. Poupart, of Twickenham, who was awarded the first prize in his particular class. The exhibit consisted of 114 bottles of beautiful fruit. Mr. A. C. Wilkins, of Messrs. Tipple and Co., Limited, whose condiments are prepared from recipes by the King's chef, have staged an interesting collection of their aids in the culinary art, consisting of pickles, sauce and chutney. Among the principal awards were:

Gold Medals—British Columbia government, West India Produce Association, West India committee.

Silver-gilt Lindley (highest award for botanical specimens)—Royal Mail Steam Packet Company. Silver-gilt Knightian—Nova Scotia government. Silver Knightian—Government of Ontario.

Home Bottled Fruits. Silver-gilt Knightian—McDoddies (dried British-vegetables), A. C. Wilkins, Lytton. Silver Knightian—W. Poupart, Jr., Stanley Horticultural, C. Lunn & Co., Hereford Preserves, Limited, and Gildard & Co., Limited.

OBITUARY NOTICES

The funeral of the late Charles E. E. Waller took place yesterday afternoon from the undertaking parlor of W. B. Smith at 2:30 p. m. Rev. J. H. S. Sweet officiated at the parson and at the grave. His only relative in this country, his sister, Mrs. I. M. Bell, and a few friends attended.

Yesterday morning at 7:30 there died at the residence of her brother, in Vancouver, Emily Skinner, the youngest daughter of the late Thomas James and Mary Skinner, formerly of Constance Cove farm, Esquimalt. The deceased lady passed peacefully away, fortified by the last sacred rites of the Roman Catholic church, of which she was a devoted and loved adherent.

The death, from paralysis, is the more sad, in that the deceased had almost entirely recovered from the effects of a former stroke, which prostrated her some few months ago. And the news of her death in Vancouver, to which place she had, a few days ago, gone on a visit, came as a shock to her relatives and friends. The deceased passed almost the whole of her life in Victoria, having taken up her abode with her sister, the wife of the late Hon. A. E. B. Davie.

The deceased at all times interested herself largely in affairs of charity, and was greatly beloved by a large circle of friends for her kindly and cheerful spirit and her great activity in all good works. But particularly as a member of the Roman Catholic church were her untiring zeal and whole-souled efforts displayed.

The remains will be brought to Victoria, where they will be interred.

The remains of the late Herman Samuel Blanchard were laid to rest yesterday afternoon. The funeral took place from the family residence, Craigflower road, at 2:30 o'clock. Service was conducted by Rev. C. E. Cooper at the residence and graveside. There was a very large attendance of sympathizing friends, and the many floral tributes testified to the esteem in which the deceased was held. The members of the Ancient Order of Foresters attended in a body. Bro. J. Levy, P.C.R., conducted the A.O.F. service at the grave. The following acted as pallbearers: A. Parbery, H. Hearn, P. A. Raymond, A. J. Bechtel, W. Dockings, B. Rombough.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Amy Ford takes place today from the family residence, 1219 N. Park street, at 2:30 p. m. to Ross Bay cemetery. Rev. Christopher Burnett will conduct the services.

FLOATING DYNAMITE.

Scow Wrecked and Cargo of Explosives Went Adrift.

The Tacoma Ledger of yesterday says: "Somewhere about the Sound, in the neighborhood of the Narrows, a half-ton of blasting dynamite is floating about, according to a report from the Sound. The explosive is cased in boxes and it is feared that shipping may be damaged. A week ago yesterday, while the storm was at its height, a scow moored close to the Narrows, went to the bottom. It was loaded with the dynamite cases, which floated in every direction. On Monday the launch Lillian D. Foss almost ran into one of the boxes. The crew picked up the case and scattered the contents so that it will cause no harm. However, it is feared some of the other boxes may do damage, and navigators are warned to be on the lookout.

MOVEMENT OF VESSELS

Steamers to Arrive.

From the Orient.

Vessel. From. Date.

Cyclops Dec. 25

Tango Maru Dec. 25

Empress of China Jan. 5

Tremont Jan. 7

Bellerophon Jan. 9

From Australia.

Monna Dec. 19

Orion Jan. 15

Orion Jan. 20

From Mexico.

Lonsdale Jan. 15

Germanicus Dec. 26

Princess Ena, sailed Oct. 31

(Arrived Montevideo Dec. 3.)

Cyclops, sailed Oct. 12

Bellerophon, sailed Nov. 9

Ning Chow Dec. 5

From Skagway.

Princess May Dec. 18

Northern British Columbia ports

Queen City Dec. 23

Canosun (Saunders) Dec. 20

Venture Dec. 23

Princess Beatrice Dec. 25

From West Coast.

Amur Dec. 28

From San Francisco.

City of Puebla Dec. 20

Governor Dec. 25

President Dec. 20

City of Puebla Jan. 4

Governor Jan. 9

Sailing Vessels.

Left. Date.

Louisa Hill, Liverpool May 24

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Alta Newcastle

Seestern, Canino Sept. 7

Hillston, Cordia Sept. 7

Inverness, Honolulu Sept. 7

Strathgryre, Callao Nov. 16

Schwarzenbek, Callao Nov. 16

Clan Galbraith, Santa Rosalia

Steamers to San

For the Orient.

Line. Date.

Empress of Japan Dec. 23

Shimano Maru Dec. 24

For Australia.

Kazembe Dec. 20

Moana Jan. 3

For Mexico.

Georgia Dec. 31

For Skagway.

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For West Coast.

Amur Dec. 20

C. P. R.

For San Francisco.

President Dec. 21

City of Puebla Dec. 26

Governor Dec. 31

President Jan. 5

City of Puebla Jan. 10

Local Steamers

Vancouver-Victoria

Princess Victoria.

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Leaves Victoria 1 a. m. daily.

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Princess Royal.

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Leaves Seattle 11:30 p. m. daily, except Monday.

Arrives Seattle 2:30 p. m. daily, except Monday.

Arrives Victoria 7 a. m. daily, except Tuesday.

Chippewa.

Leaves Victoria daily except Thursdays, 4:30 p. m.

Arrives daily except Thursdays 1:30 p. m.

Victoria-New Westminster

R. P. Rithet

Leaves Victoria Tuesday and Friday.

Leaves New Westminster Wednesday and Saturday.

Upper Fraser River

Beaver

Leaves New Westminster 5 a. m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday.

Leaves Chilliwack 7 a. m. Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday. Calling at landings between New Westminster and Chilliwack.

Lower Fraser River

Transfer

Leaves New Westminster Monday Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 2 p. m. Additional trip Monday 5 a. m.

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Leaves Union Bay and Comox Thursday, 7 a. m.

Arrives Nanaimo Thursday, 2 p. m.

Leaves Nanaimo Friday, 7 a. m.

Arrives Union Bay and Comox Friday, 2 p. m.

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Mainland News

WERE CIRCULATORS OF "QUEER" MONEY

Bellcourt Brothers Arrested in Vancouver and Found Guilty

Vancouver, Dec. 18.—The two Bellcourt brothers were found guilty today of passing counterfeit money and will be sentenced on Monday by the speedy trials judge.

They had done a great business in counterfeit quarters. They said they had come from Everson, Wash., where they told the judge they were supplied with a large amount of this money by a man named Walsh. Later they disposed of their counterfeit stock in Walla Walla, Tacoma, Seattle and Vancouver.

They came here from Calgary, where their names were known as Glenn, and they claim Winnipeg as their birthplace.

BLACK HAND NOTE

Vancouver Man Threatened Because of Evidence Given Against "Blind Pigs"

Vancouver, Dec. 18.—George White, who recently gave the police information which resulted in heavy fines being imposed on Italian keepers of "blind pigs," today received a warning stamped with a black hand. White turned over the letter to the police, who are convinced that he is in danger because of his disclosures in court.

ON POINT OF LAW

Revelstoke Case Involving Liability of Lawyer for Neglecting to Enter Action

Rossland, Dec. 18.—In the case of Scott vs. G. S. McCarter, a barrister of Revelstoke, tried here today before Justice Martin and a jury, a nonsuit was granted on an entirely novel point in the Workmen's Compensation act, to the defendants.

The story of the case is that J. A. Scott, a miner employed in the Broadview mine, suffered an accident wherein serious injuries were inflicted. He instructed McCarter to bring action against the mine, either under the common law, the Employers' Liability act, or the Workmen's Compensation act. No action was brought by McCarter, and Scott thereupon instructed McCarter to bring action against the mine, either under the common law, the Employers' Liability act, or the Workmen's Compensation act. No action was brought by McCarter, and Scott thereupon instructed McCarter to bring action against the mine, either under the common law, the Employers' Liability act, or the Workmen's Compensation act.

As the accident was the result of a missed hole negligence could not be proved against the mine and hence action was limited to the Workmen's Compensation act, under which, however, the time for bringing action is limited and that time had been allowed to lapse by McCarter.

The defense raised the point that the Workmen's Compensation act only applied as between the owner of the mine and the employees, whereas the Broadview at the time of the accident, was not being worked by the owner but under bondholders. On this point a nonsuit was granted by the judge.

American Officer Arrested

Vancouver, Dec. 18.—Captain D. L. Keller, alias D. L. Smith, a United States army officer, of Reno, Nevada, was arrested at Kamloops last night by Chief of Police McGill, charged with having stolen a blank cheque from the United States Quartermaster's office at Fort Sheridan, Ill., and afterwards having filled it in for \$92,500. The prisoner intended fighting extradition.

Masonic Officers

Vancouver, Dec. 18.—Cascade lodge, A. F. & A. M., has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: A. A. Boak, W. M.; J. W. Morrison, S. W.; H. J. DeForest, J. W.; Rev. R. J. Wilson, chaplain; Chas. E. Tisdall, treasurer; F. R. Meredith, P. M.; secretary: C. H. Dittmars, S. D.; W. L. Germain, J. D.; H. B. Morlek, I. G.; A. Gotthard, Tyler.

Vancouver Council

Vancouver, Dec. 18.—The Ward Five section of the Electoral Union met last night and after considerable discussion endorsed the candidacy of Ald. Mills and Mr. H. H. Stevens as its council candidates from the district at the coming municipal elections. Mr. J. B. Mathers was also endorsed for the post of park commissioner. The scheme of the institution of a civic board of control was introduced and precipitated a lively discussion. Although formal action was not taken on the matter the majority of the gathering appeared to favor the creation of a system along the line. It is understood ex-Ald. Morton will also be in the field as an independent candidate for a seat in the council.

Vancouver Weddings

Vancouver, Dec. 18.—At Knox Congregational church this noon there occurred the wedding of Mr. Charles A. Ross and Miss Ella Niebergall, both well known young people of this city. Rev. Meritt Smith performed the ceremony, immediately after which

the happy couple departed for Victoria, from whence they will journey to California for a six-weeks' stay. A very pretty wedding took place on Monday evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Horner, Carl avenue, when their daughter, Miss Mary Lottie, was united in marriage to Mr. Albert Kyle, of Burrard street.

Coal Output Heavy

Fernie, Dec. 18.—The tonnage on the Coal Creek branch of the Morrissey, Fernie & Michael railway, has become so heavy that it has been found necessary to add another engine to the motive power of the branch. The new engine is expected to be turned out of the Montreal shops in a few days, and will arrive in Fernie about Christmas time.

Situation in Boundary

Grand Forks, Dec. 18.—For the past few days labor and smelting matters here have held a normal condition, until yesterday Superintendent A. W. B. Hodges, of the Granby Co. and a committee of the labor union held a long conference. It is stated that the decision arrived at at this meeting will be voted upon at the regular weekly labor union meeting tonight. If the vote is favorable the smelter will be resumed at once. In the event of the smelter and mines not resuming at once it is stated that the Great Northern railway will take all its ore cars out of the boundary, and will generally reduce traffic on the Phoenix branch.

COLONIZATION SCHEME

Kansas Man Proposes Establishing Dinkard Settlement in Vicinity of Ashcroft

Ashcroft, Dec. 18.—Mr. Hopkins left for his home in Kansas City, Kansas, the latter part of last week after a fortnight's sojourn in Ashcroft. He took back with him a 60 day option on nearly 20,000 acres of land lying adjacent to Ashcroft, a large portion of which is the choice fruit and vegetable lands of this vicinity. The owners of the land on which Mr. Hopkins took options are: W. Langley, 13,000 acres; J. Shields, 6,000 acres and J. Beddard 610 acres. The company which is represented by Mr. Hopkins has taken these options with the intention of purchasing these lands and bringing and settling over 600 Dinkard families upon ten and twenty acre tracts set out to orchards and supplied with water for irrigation. This colony comes principally from the states of Maryland and North Dakota.

Mr. Hopkins was well pleased with the climatic and soil conditions here, he is certain that this colony has a bright future and remarked that Ashcroft was situated in the heart of a country destined to become one of British Columbia's greatest fruit and vegetable producing communities. That the time is not far distant now almost seems an assured thing. If Mr. Hopkins and his company purchase the land on which they have taken options, before those living here have time to realize it, the lands around Ashcroft will be settled by fruit growers and small ranchers.

Premier to Speak

New Westminster, Dec. 18.—The Young Conservatives of the city will hold a mass meeting on Friday night when the speaker of the evening will be Premier McBride.

Water For Pulp Mill

New Westminster, Dec. 18.—A record of one thousand inches of water granted to Capt. H. A. Mellon of Vancouver yesterday to be taken from Cates Creek or Ratney River, on Howe Sound, for his proposed pulp mill.

Speed the Plow

New Westminster, Dec. 18.—The farmers of the Delta are hoping that the present fair weather will continue till Friday, when the first annual plow race will be held. The race will take place on Gilchrist's farm on Crescent Island.

Nelson Objects to Freight Rates

Nelson, Dec. 18.—The freight rate committee of the board of trade made an interim report upon the new tariff of the C. P. R. just at hand. This deals with inward rates from the east, and the committee reports a reduction of about 25 cents per hundred on first-class freight to 10 cents a hundred on fifth-class rate. This, the committee feels, is totally inadequate, the bulk of goods arriving from the east being fifth-class. Even if the class is not raised the effect on lowering Kootenay prices in supplies and provisions will be trivial. As far as Nelson wholesalers are concerned, this reduction is no concession, inasmuch as the through rates to the east have been so much more lowered that it is possible for Vancouver merchants to undersell Nelson merchants in their own markets, although 400 miles nearer the points of supply.

Marsh Challenges Shrubbs

Winnipeg, Dec. 18.—John D. Marsh, the noted local distance runner, was in the city yesterday, and said he was greatly surprised to learn that Alfred Shrubbs was still in the United States, challenging the world to run a distance race. Marsh is prepared to run Shrubbs three races, viz., ten, fifteen and twenty miles, at any time and any place, and will wages \$500 on each race.

NEW WESTMINSTER LIBERALS AT ODDS

J. B. Kennedy, M.P., Says He Will Ignore the Existing Association

New Westminster, Dec. 18.—The breach between J. B. Kennedy, Liberal member of the Federal Parliament for New Westminster, and the New Westminster Liberal association is complete. Mr. Kennedy, who is at present in Ottawa, has written to friends here stating that he would have nothing further to do with the association.

The troubles started over a year ago in regard to various nominations and matters of patronage, but was brought to a head a couple of months ago when the question of the appointment of a warden to the British Columbia penitentiary. On that occasion the executive of the association recommended that J. W. McDermott, secretary of the association be given the position, but Mr. Kennedy refused to listen to the executive, and declared his intention of having J. C. Brown appointed. A short time later it was decided to hold a nominating convention for this district, and when the meeting to elect delegates was held Mr. Kennedy and his supporters were not elected. The convention was held a short time later, but Mr. Kennedy was not present, and Robert Jardine was given the nomination by a large majority.

Mr. Kennedy has now written to friends here stating that he has repudiated the Liberal association of this city in every way, and will not recognize it, and when the elections are announced it is believed that another Liberal convention will be called. Mr. Kennedy's friends, and that he will also be nominated to contest the seat against both Robert Jardine, the present Liberal candidate, and J. D. Taylor, the Conservative nominee.

To Discuss Church Union

New Westminster, Dec. 18.—The question of church union will be discussed by the Presbytery within St. Andrew's church, Vancouver, on the first Tuesday in March. This was the decision at a meeting of the Presbytery here yesterday. Two resolutions were accepted, those of Rev. Mr. Medill of Agassiz, and Rev. Mr. McAulay of Ladner. Rev. J. A. Logan will be moderator in the latter case. Rev. Mr. McDermott of Mission, in the former. A request for assistance in the building of a manse at Mission was received and will be further considered.

BIG RACE AT NEW YORK

Longboat Will Run in Team Relay But Not in a Match

Toronto, Dec. 18.—Tom C. Flanagan, of the Irish-Canadians, has received a letter from the Irish-Americans of New York, asking him to enter Tom Longboat in a five mile scratch race in Madison Square Gardens, Feb. 8. Flanagan replied that Longboat was an outdoor runner, and had no chance to train indoors, and he did not care to start him indoors against the best men in America. He offered to meet the Irish-Americans in a nine mile relay race against the Irish-American team, sending Longboat, Hilton Green and Tom Colley three miles each. The Irish-Canadian Athletic club executive tonight drafted a programme for the big I. C. A. indoor sporting carnival, which will take place in St. Lawrence market, Jan. 6 to 11. The principal items are the indoor championships. Longboat's attempt to establish an indoor time record comes from a mile up, and the six-day two hours night grind. The programme as it appears, furnishes contests for the centre of the track, during the two-hour grind, and provides for distance racing at the conclusion of the two-hour period, which ends at 9:45. One thing may be made, and that is, to give one of one entire night to walks, sprints and events for athletically inclined young women.

REFUSES TO FIGHT McVEY

According to an old country dispatch, Tommy Burns has refused to fight Sam McVey, the American colored fighter, in a bout at Paris. Burns grounded that he never fights a colored man. The dispatch, if correct, is important inasmuch as it indicates that Tommy has drawn the color line and will refuse to fight Jack Johnson on his return to America. In view of Burns' utterances since the McVey fight in which he reiterated his intention of fighting Johnson, the London dispatch hardly seems right. It may be that Burns refused to fight McVey, but the reason will probably be found not that the champion has drawn the color line, but that he did not see enough money in the fight for him.

Ranji's Reappearance

Cricketers all over the world, and in Sussex in particular, must hail with delight the promise given by the Jam of Nawangar (Ranji) to the Sussex cricket secretary that he will turn out again for his old county next season. Undoubtedly Ranji is the most brilliant batsman of his time, and he has been for he could play practically any ball in at least three different ways effectively. The feature of his batting were, of course, the wonderful leg slides and the marvelous ease and grace with which he played the finest bowling on the most difficult wickets. He last played for Sussex in 1906, when he averaged, viz., 75.38 for sixteen innings.

Sarah Truax is a Sport

Sarah Truax, the distinguished actress, who starred in "The Spider's Web," in Victoria several weeks ago, holds the amateur golf championship on the links of the Lafayette club at Lake Minnetonka, Minn. Miss Truax is one of those delightful young women who enthrall over all sorts of athletic sports. She is an ardent horsewoman, being one of the best "whips" on the Riverside driveway in New York, and does not object to witnessing a prizefight when it comes under the head of a "boxing exhibition." She displayed her sporting blood when, directly after the San Francisco disaster, she wagered ten weeks' salary against six of the latest Paris creations of hats with her manager, John Cort, that in five years' time the new San Francisco would be a large and better city than the old.

CIVIC NOTICE

CITY OF VICTORIA.

MUNICIPAL CLAUSES ACT. Section 59.

WHEREAS, upon an enquiry being held of the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria on Monday, the 16th day of December, 1907, upon the complaint of the City Engineer for the said Corporation into the state and condition of a certain unfenced excavation upon lands situate and being and known as lots "D" and "D," block 57, and part block 58, Spring Ridge, the same being within the municipal limits of the city of Victoria. Upon hearing the evidence in support of the complaint of the City Engineer, and upon proof of service of notice of this enquiry having been given and of a notice calling upon the owners, lessees and occupiers to abate the nuisance complained of and upon proof being given by the said City Engineer as to ownership, and no one appearing for the owners, the Council found the said nuisance to be duly proved, and that the said excavation or hole in and upon the land and premises being contiguous to the highway, namely Vining street, constitutes a danger to the public safety and a nuisance, and it is desirable that the same should be forthwith abated.

BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED by the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria that the said hole or excavation now existing upon the above-mentioned land, situate within the municipal limits of the city of Victoria is, in its present state, dangerous to the public safety and a nuisance, and it is ordered that the Hargreave & Co., Limited, the owners, do within five days of the service of first advertisement of this order well and sufficiently fence and protect the said excavation so as to abate the said nuisance.

And in case of default of compliance with this order by and on the part of the said owner, it is hereby directed that the City Engineer do enter in and upon the said lands and well and sufficiently fence the said hole or excavation and abate the said nuisance at the cost of the owner of the said lands, and that unless such cost be forthwith paid to the Treasurer of the Corporation on demand made by him therefor, the payment thereof shall be enforced under the provisions of the above act together with all incidental expenses.

(Signed) J. MORLEY, Mayor.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER, Clerk of the Municipal Council.

WHEREAS, upon an enquiry being held of the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria on Monday, the 16th day of December, 1907, upon the complaint of the City Engineer for the said Corporation into the state and condition of a certain unfenced excavation upon lands situate and being and known as blocks 55 and 56, Spring Ridge, abutting on Gladstone street, the same being within the municipal limits of the city of Victoria. Upon hearing the evidence in support of the complaint of the City Engineer, and upon proof of service of notice of this enquiry having been given and of a notice calling upon the owners, lessees and occupiers to abate the nuisance complained of, and upon proof being given by the said City Engineer as to ownership, and further upon hearing reading a communication from Messrs. Crease & Crease, solicitors to the owners, this Council found the said nuisance to be duly proved and that the said excavation or hole in and upon the land and premises being contiguous to the highway, namely Gladstone street, constitutes a danger to the public safety and a nuisance, and it is desirable that the same should be forthwith abated.

BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED by the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria that the said hole or excavation now existing upon the above-mentioned land, situate within the municipal limits of the city of Victoria is, in its present state, dangerous to the public safety and a nuisance, and it is ordered that the Lim Dat, the owner of said blocks 55 and 56, do within five (5) days of the service of first advertisement of this order well and sufficiently fence and protect the said excavation so as to abate the said nuisance.

And in case of default of compliance with this order by and on the part of the said owner, it is hereby directed that the City Engineer do enter in and upon the said lands and well and sufficiently fence the said hole or excavation and abate the said nuisance at the cost of the owner of the said lands, and that unless such cost be forthwith paid to the Treasurer of the Corporation on demand made by him therefor, the payment thereof shall be enforced under the provisions of the above act together with all incidental expenses.

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BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED by the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria that the said hole or excavation now existing upon the above-mentioned land, situate within the municipal limits of the city of Victoria is, in its present state, dangerous to the public safety and a nuisance, and it is ordered that the Hargreave & Co., Limited, the owners of said block 54, do within five days of the service of first advertisement of this order well and sufficiently fence and protect the said excavations so as to abate the said nuisance on the boundary of the said block 54, on Gladstone street, and at the street intersection of Caledonia avenue, and that the owner, Hargreave & Co., Limited, do within five days of the service of first advertisement of this order well and sufficiently fence and protect the said excavation on said lot so as to abate the said nuisance.

And in case of default of compliance with this order by and on the part of the said owners respectively, it is hereby directed that the City Engineer do enter in and upon the said lands and well and sufficiently fence the said hole or excavation and abate the said nuisance at the cost of the owner of the said lands, and that unless such cost be forthwith paid to the Treasurer of the Corporation on demand made by him therefor, the payment thereof shall be enforced under the provisions of the above act together with all incidental expenses.

(Signed) J. MORLEY, Mayor.

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TIMBERMEN COMPLETE THEIR ORGANIZATION

Officers Elected and a Branch Chamber Formed—Dr. Clark Again Heard

The formal organization of the branch chamber of the British Columbia Timber and Forestry chamber of commerce took place last evening in the A. O. U. W. hall. The attendance was not particularly large, but after a discussion of the objects in view by those instrumental in the inception of the organization, officers were elected as follows:

Hon. president, John Arbuthnot, President, A. B. Ellis, Vice-president, C. L. Betterton, Second vice-president, D. Stevens, Secretary-treasurer, H. H. Jones, An executive committee consisting of H. S. Pringle, J. H. McGregor and William Allen was appointed, and at a later meeting when a more representative assembly has been secured an additional seven will be added.

Dr. Judson Clark, secretary-treasurer of the parent chamber in Vancouver, placed before the meeting the progress of the movement in that city. He stated that at a general meeting of the chamber December 13 it was decided after full discussion to eliminate everything from the petition to be presented to the legislative assembly at the coming session, which was not only or primarily in the interests of the owners of timber. This reduced the petition to two points:

1. That special timber licenses be made renewable at the expiration of the present renewal period of twenty-one years for a further period of twenty-one years.

2. That the present rate of annual rental for special timber licenses be declared to be statutory for the present renewal term of twenty-one years. The requested extension has become a matter of great public interest in view of the enormous amount of timber which has been placed under license during the past twelve months.

As regards the second point in the petition, the best legal talent of the province holds the view that the present license fee of \$140 is statutory as it stands. The petition asks that all doubt be removed by a declaration to that effect.

As regards the amount of this annual license it is generally admitted that it is as high as the average limit can bear. It is to be remembered that the object of this tax is the production of revenue and not the conservation of the forest. It is also pointed out that the province in these years of its early development needs and must have a large and certain revenue. As a revenue producer the present license fee cannot be beaten.

If it were increased much and which is now held under special license would without doubt be dropped. In the case of small holders, much would be dropped outright because of inability to finance the license fee in the case of larger holdings there would be a great shrinkage of the area so held following a more careful survey with the object of eliminating such areas as were below a set standard. Thus the provincial revenue would suffer. On the other hand any material reduction of the fees would undoubtedly likewise result in a shrinkage of revenue.

A glance at the revenue returns of the past year shows that the owners of special licenses are bearing very much the largest share of the Provincial taxation. They will not complain in return they get a title to their timber which will enable them to cut conservatively and economically and earn a fair return on the capital invested. It has been suggested that some millmen whose timber holdings were under special licenses, crown grants. Dominion licenses would find it in their interest to have the present time-limit on special licenses maintained. In that they would profit by the resulting slaughter of the timber by having cheap logs for a season, and in the end greatly profit by the enhanced value that would accrue to their leases, crown grants, etc., by the spoliation of the greater part of the Provincial timber resources. That anyone would take so essentially selfish a view of the situation would be dismissed as incredible. Besides the over-production of logs incident to the shipping of the licensed lands within 21 years would inevitably be accompanied by a corresponding over-production of lumber which would be an exceedingly serious problem for millmen generally.

Another rumor which seems to have gained some credence in Victoria is to the effect that this move will be opposed by log speculators who are interested in supplying logs to the American market. It is pointed out that the forced logging of the licensed lands will force down all log prices and as logs cut on licensed lands cannot be exported in an unmanufactured state it would be nuts for those who by means of fair or foul could deliver logs to the American port. While it is perhaps not incredible that such opposition may develop it is hardly probable that it will command any more respect than it deserves.

Inasmuch as it has been said in some quarters that owners of special timber licenses do not in any sense have any ownership rights in the standing timber on the land so licensed, it is pertinent to enquire what they have and what they pay for it. \$140 a year paid in advance for 21 years amounts at 7 per cent. to \$2,720 at the end of the period. The cost of localizing surveying claims runs from a minimum of about \$250 to upwards of \$700 per section. This compounded at 7 per cent. adds from one to three thousand dollars to the cost of the

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limit at the end of 21 years. In other words the licensee will have paid \$8,000 to \$10,000 for his section at the end of the 21-year term, and bears in addition the risk of loss by fire and trespass. In view of this it is reasonable to assume that this payment is merely for an option to cut the timber? Has the payment of this large sum of money not created an equity in property which any government is bound to respect?

Since many years the Dominion government has issued annual licenses to cut timber on crown lands essentially similar to those issued by the province of British Columbia. The annual tax assessed on these Dominion lands was \$5 per square mile on all lands east of Vale, B.C., and 5c per acre on all lands west of Vale. Some two years ago the Canadian minister of justice gave an opinion that all owners of Dominion timber licenses had an equity in the timber so held and were entitled to a renewal of their licenses in perpetuity so long as they observed the conditions of the contract. This has since been made the law of the land by an order-in-council by the present federal government.

It is true that in most cases there was a larger or smaller "bonus" paid when these licenses were first issued, but the amount so paid was in most cases merely nominal. It is also to be noted that this "bonus" was paid for "the right to cut" the timber and is therefore strictly comparable with other forms of payment so far as its bearing on the question of equity is concerned.

"And just here it is pertinent," said Dr. Clark, "to raise the question why a 'bonus' paid to a previous holder of a special license, who properly owns it, made transferable by the law to the land, is not as good an evidence of an equity in the timber as it were paid to the government on the acquisition of the license in the first place."

"I submit that the view that the licensee has an equity in his timber is a distinguished from merely owning an option, is correct both as a matter of justice and of law. If, however, there should be doubt on this latter point, it is a matter of some importance that the doubt be forthwith removed if it be desired to attract capital for the development of the provincial forest resources."

"Any legislation which would deny an equity in timber held under license for 21 years with an annual tax of 22 cents per acre, would be fair warning to capitalists that the country erecting such legislation would be a good place to keep away from."

"I am very glad to see that the timber owners of Victoria are alive to their interests in this matter. I may say that very encouraging reports are at hand from all quarters and that in a few weeks the British Columbia Timber and Forestry Chamber of Commerce will be truly provincial in character and influence by the organization of branch chambers throughout the whole province from Atlin to Fernie."

"I would like to add just a word in finances. The head office has been at considerable expense in this work of organization, and the treasury is not only empty at the present time but money is needed to meet obligations already incurred. It is hardly fair that the burden of this organizing expense should fall so heavily on the Vancouver chamber. Will you not help us in this important matter, and do so now?"

Some further discussion arose with regard to other matters of importance to timbermen. Some of those present thought that it was advisable that the government assure investors of the stability of the royalty, even if it were necessary to adopt a sliding scale.

After the names and subscriptions of those present had been taken, the meeting adjourned to be convened at the call of the president and executive.

Capt. Touze of the French bank Assieres reports to the United States branch hydrographic office, San Francisco, having sighted November 10, in latitude 27 deg. 34 min. north, longitude 126 deg. 40 min. west, a broken mast of large dimensions, standing upright in the water; something heavy was evidently fast to the mast, as it rode steadily as the sea rolled by. This might constitute a danger to navigation.

The Norwegian steamer Transit, under charter to the British Coast Steamship company of this city, will load another cargo of ties and lumber at Tacoma for Guaymas. The Transit reached Tacoma yesterday from Seattle, where she has been discharging salt from Carmen Island.

A bill has been introduced in the United States house of representatives by Representative Humphrey, which will put the steamships operating between British Columbia and Puget Sound ports on similar terms with those running from Canadian to United States ports of the Great Lakes. The bill makes provision for the exemption of all passenger steamers running as often as three times each week from the payment of entrance and clearance fees. In the case of the steamer Princess Royal it is estimated that such an arrangement would mean a saving of \$2,000 yearly.

The British steamer Elgin, which took a cargo of coal to Sitka from Norfolk, Virginia, and was to have come to Esquimalt to be docked proceeded to Portland from the north, having been unable to get the dock at Esquimalt which is occupied by the Inuvall.

FIND DEATH IS DUE TO NATURAL CAUSES

Inquest Held on Body of Chau Chow Who Died in the Cells

That Chau Chow, the Chinaman, who died in the police cells shortly before noon on Tuesday, came to his death through natural causes, was the finding of the coroner's jury which yesterday afternoon investigated into the circumstances surrounding the matter.

Chow, the evidence showed, was quartermaster on the steamer Lonsdale and by reason of his precarious state of health had been taken from off the steamer on its arrival here and sent to the marine hospital. He had suffered from a series of fits on the way up from Mexico.

Dr. Gibbs, surgeon in charge of the Marine hospital, testified that the dead Chinaman had been held at the Marine hospital for several days before being sent to the police station for safe keeping. He was to have been deported and on December 10 was handed over to the city police to be held until such time as there was a ship of the steamship company leaving Victoria for Mexico. Dr. Gibbs had seen the Chinaman professionally from time to time, once after the patient had been transferred to the jail, he had made a post mortem examination of the body and had found nothing wrong with the organs except that part of the brain showed signs of degeneration. The cause of death was, he considered, due to fits occasioned by the attack on the brain. He was positive the death had resulted from natural causes as there was absolutely no sign of violence or poisoning.

Chief Langley produced an order from Dr. J. G. Milne, immigration officer, authorizing the local police to hold the Chinaman until he could be deported. The order stated that the immigration authorities were afraid that Chau Chow might escape. There was no offence charged against the prisoner, that not being necessary as the immigration officials had the right to ask the police to detain such characters. The Dominion officials have no place in which to detain such prisoners and the local police are called upon to look after them. The steamship company, in such cases, is charged up with the cost of keeping the prisoners.

Henry Roberts, purser of the Lonsdale, testified to the Chinaman taking several fits prior to his being landed at Victoria. It was supposed that Chau Chow was feigning sickness and while there was no doubt that he was ill, it was not thought safe to allow him to remain at the hospital.

Jailer Hanley told of his being informed Tuesday morning by one of the inmates of the cells of the death of the Chinaman.

After the evidence of the above witnesses had been put in, the jury took but a very short time to return their verdict. The jury was comprised as follows: Ald. W. A. Glendon, foreman, Louis Smith, W. Faulkner, David Don, Joseph Markit and J. Murrer.

Harry Maynard in Field
In response to a very widely signed petition Harry Maynard has consented to become a candidate in Ward 2, and will contest the election for the seat now occupied by Ald. Hanna who is a candidate for the majority.

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British Columbia, with its great wealth of raw material in lumber and minerals largely developed, with its opportunities for cattle ranching, mixed farming and fruit growing, with its fisheries and its increasing maritime trade with the Orient, Australia, Mexico and South America, and, above all, in the approaching development of its vast Central, Northern Interior, and Vancouver Island, by railway construction, will be immensely benefited by the establishment of a Chartered Bank having its **CHIEF OFFICE** in the Province, and controlled by a Board of Directors entirely familiar with the resources and the needs of the country, whose names alone are a guarantee for the success of the undertaking.

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British	100	155	7 "
Merchants	100	156	8 "
Dominion	100	220	12 "
Toronto	100	202	10 "
Royal	100	225	10 "
Hamilton	100	185	10 "
Traders	100	125	7 "
Imperial	100	198	11 "
Standard	100	213	12 "
Molsons	100	190	10 "
Eastern Townships	100	156	8 "
Ottawa	100	215	10 "

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LITTLE LIFE SHOWN BY STOCK MARKET

Small Spurt Taken By Reading
—New York Central's Showing.

New York, Dec. 18.—The heavy congestion of today's dealing in a few stocks pointed unmistakably to the professional character of the market. This was particularly marked in Reading, in which orders for many thousands of shares were executed from a single house. The fact that action was looked for during the day on the dividend of this stock added to the interest in the large transactions. Reading's aggressive upward turn after early weakness affected the tone of the whole market in sympathy. This was partly due to the covering of a professional short account, which has been built up in the last few days in connection with the talk of the difficulties to be met in conforming to the law against ownership of mines by railroad companies, which goes into effect on May 1. The stock reacted on the regular dividend declaration. New York Central was an indifferent sharer in the general upturn, in spite of the refutation of recent unfavorable rumors by the declaration of the quarterly dividend at the six per cent. rate inaugurated at this time last year. This action was foreshadowed by the extra dividend yesterday on Lake Shore and Michigan Central, the two principal subsidiary companies of the Central. The good impression made by the maintenance of the dividend rate was modified to some extent by consideration of the earnings statements of the companies.

Even in the case of the subsidiary companies, the extra disbursements left the surplus showing much below the conservative standards of those companies. Without the expansion of the parent company, or the income which resulted from these extra disbursements, the ability to maintain the

dividend rate out of the current earnings was plainly impaired. Not only has the increase in operating expenses for the last year far outstripped the growth in gross earnings, but the addition of new capital during the year has enhanced the dividend requirements on earnings even at the unchanged rate. The effect of the dividend declaration, therefore was not notably favorable on the stock.

The favorable effect on Pennsylvania of the increase in the Pennsylvania company's dividend was scarcely greater. On the other hand, Missouri Pacific was quite weak on the circulation of the rumors throwing doubt on the maintenance of the dividend at the present rate.

One of the day's events that relieved the market from some pressure was the relaxation of the tension in the call money market. The high rate was 12 per cent., and there was a recession from that in subsequent loans. There was less calling of loan by the banks, and scores of stocks were freed to that extent from the pressure to sell.

In spite of the activity and mobility of a few stocks, the mass of the securities list was inert and neglected. Bonds were irregular; total sales, par value \$1,822,000; U. S. bonds were unchanged on call.

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Sellers.	Buyers.
Molson's	190 184
M. Reliance	181 181
Union	122 122
Commerce	158 152
Twin City	82 81
Mont. Heat and Power	81 81
Ogilvie's Bonds	112 112
Montreal Street Railway	178 178
Toronto Street Railway	91 91
Dominion Coal, com.	41 40
Dom. Iron and Steel, com.	55 54 1/2
Nova Scotia Steel, com.	55 54 1/2
Can. Pac. Ry., Montreal	149 148
Can. Pac. Ry., London	153 152 1/2

Wheat in New York

New York, Dec. 18.—Wheat receipts, \$9,000; exports, 200,470; sales, 4,100,000. An early 1 1/2 cent advance in wheat on reports of rains in Argentina was later lost on news that the weather was improving. Foreign houses sold in New York, but had fair orders for cash wheat. Final prices showing quarter to half cent net loss.

for the day, December closed at 106 1/2, May 111 1/2, closed 111 1/2, July 106 1/2, closed 106.

NEW YORK STOCKS.

Anal. Copper	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Am. Car. Fdy.	42 1/2	43 1/2	42 1/2	43 1/2
Am. Cot. Oil	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2
Am. Loco.	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2
Am. Smelters	68 1/2	70 1/2	68 1/2	69 1/2
Am. Sugar	95 1/2	97 1/2	94 1/2	96 1/2
Am. Woolen	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2
Amcon	27 1/2	27 1/2	26 1/2	27 1/2
Atchafalpa	70 1/2	71 1/2	69 1/2	70 1/2
do pfd	85 1/2	86 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2
B. and O.	80 1/2	80 1/2	79 1/2	80 1/2
do pfd	75 1/2	75 1/2	74 1/2	75 1/2
C. and O.	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2
C. P. R.	149 1/2	149 1/2	149 1/2	149 1/2
Cent. Leather	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2
C. F. and I.	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2
C. and G. W.	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2
C. M. and S. P.	101 1/2	102 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2
C. T. and T.	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2
D. and R. G.	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2
Erie	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2
Gen. Elec.	111 1/2	112 1/2	111 1/2	112 1/2
Gen. S. and N.	89 1/2	91 1/2	89 1/2	90 1/2
Gen. S. P. and SSM.	77 1/2	77 1/2	77 1/2	77 1/2
do pfd	119 1/2	119 1/2	119 1/2	119 1/2
Mo. Pac.	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2
N. Y. Cent.	93 1/2	94 1/2	92 1/2	93 1/2
N. Y. O. and W.	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2
Nor. Pac.	113 1/2	113 1/2	113 1/2	113 1/2
Penn.	110 1/2	111 1/2	110 1/2	111 1/2
People's Gas	78 1/2	78 1/2	78 1/2	78 1/2
Pr. Steel	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2
Rock Island	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2
do pfd	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2
So. Pac.	72 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2
do pfd	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2
So. Ry.	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2
Union Pac.	114 1/2	115 1/2	114 1/2	115 1/2
do pfd	114 1/2	115 1/2	114 1/2	115 1/2
U. S. Steel	25 1/2	26 1/2	25 1/2	26 1/2
do pfd	86 1/2	87 1/2	86 1/2	87 1/2
West. Union	55 1/2	56 1/2	55 1/2	56 1/2
Total sales, 576,700 shares.				
Money on call 3 1/2 per cent.				

CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE.

Wheat No. 2—	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
May	105 1/2	107 1/2	104 1/2	105 1/2
July	98 1/2	100 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2
Corn No. 2—				
May	58 1/2	59 1/2	58 1/2	58 1/2
July	58 1/2	59 1/2	58 1/2	58 1/2
Oats No. 2—				
May	45 1/2	46 1/2	45 1/2	45 1/2
July	45 1/2	46 1/2	45 1/2	45 1/2
Port—				
Jan.	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2
May	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2
Liverpool Wheat—				
May	78 1/2	79 1/2	78 1/2	78 1/2

THE LOCAL MARKETS

Retail Prices

Flour.

Royal Household, a bag	\$2.00
Lake of the Woods, a bag	\$2.00
Royal Standard	\$2.00
Wild Rose, per bag	\$1.75
Calgary, a bag	\$2.00
Hungarian, per bbl.	\$7.75
Snowflake, a bag	\$2.00
Snowflake, per bbl.	\$7.75
Moffet's Best, per sack	\$2.00
Moffet's Best, per bbl.	\$7.75
Drifted Snow, per sack	\$2.00
Three Star, per sack	\$2.00

Foodstuffs.

Barley, per ton	\$30.00
Feed Wheat, per ton	\$32.00
Oats, per ton	\$37.00
Barley, per ton	\$31.00
Hay, Fraser River, per ton	\$25.00
Corncorn, per ton	\$33.00
Chop Feed, best, per ton	\$27.00
Whole Corn, best, per ton	\$36.00
Middlings, per ton	\$30.00

Vegetables.

Celery, four heads	25
Lettuce, hot house, 3 heads	10
Garlic, per lb.	10
Onions, local, per lb.	6
Potatoes, outdoor, 3 lbs.	25
Potatoes, local, per sack	1.75
Sweet Potatoes, new, 4 lbs.	25
Green peppers, each	10 to 25
Green peppers, per lb.	30
Squash, per lb.	4
Pumpkins, per lb.	4
Cauliflower, each	15 to 25
Cabbage, local, per lb.	5
Red Cabbage, per lb.	5

Dairy Produce.

Eggs—	
Fresh Island, per dozen	70
Cooking, per dozen	40
Cheese—	
Canadian, per lb.	25
Sauerkraut, each	10
Cream, local, each	10
Butter—	
Manitoba, per lb.	35
Best dairy, per lb.	40
Victoria Creamery, per lb.	50
Cowichan Creamery, per lb.	50
Delta Creamery, per lb.	50
Butter, cooking, per lb.	30

Fruit.

Quince, per lb.	10
Grape Fruit, per dozen	1.00
Oranges, per dozen	30 to 50
Lemons, per dozen	30
Figs, cooking, per lb.	8 to 12
Apples, local, per box	2.00 to 2.25
Grapes, California, per basket	60
Bananas, per dozen	35
Figs, table, per lb.	75
Raisins, Valencia, per lb.	15
Raisins, table, per lb.	25 to 60
Grapes, Con., per basket	1.00
Pineapples, each	50
Pears, per box	1.25 to 1.50
Cranberries, per lb.	20

Walnuts, per lb.	30
Brazils, per lb.	30
Almonds, Jordan, per lb.	75
Almonds, California, per lb.	30
Cocoanuts, each	15
Pecans, per lb.	30
Chestnuts, per lb.	40

Nuts.

Cod, salted, per lb.	10 to 13
Hallbut, fresh, per lb.	8 to 10
Cod, fresh, per lb.	6 to 8
Flounders, fresh, per lb.	6 to 8
Salmon, fresh, white, per lb.	10 to 12
Salmon, fresh, red, per lb.	10 to 12
Salmon, smoked, per lb.	20
Clams, per lb.	5
Oysters, Olympia, per pint	40 to 50
Oysters, Toke Point, doz.	25 to 30
Shrimps, per lb.	5 to 10
Smelts, per lb.	12 1/2
Herring, kippered, per lb.	25
Finnan Haddie, per lb.	15 to 25

Fish.

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Meat and Poultry.

Lamb, per lb.	15 to 25
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STOCKS AND SHARES

2,000 American Canadian	15
Oil	
32 Victoria Sealing Co.	\$ 10.00
10 or 20 Pacific Whaling	
Co.	100.00
5,000 Alaska Northwest	25
2,000 Copper Mountain	14
500 Mount Slesker and Brean	
ton	.02
12 Northern Bank	103.00
Money to loan on mortgages on City Property.	

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Mutton, per lb.	12 1/2 to 20
Lamb, per quarter, fore	1.00 to 1.50
Lamb, per quarter, hind	1.75 to 2.00
Veal, dressed, per lb.	12 1/2 to 18
Goose, dressed, per lb.	18 to 20
Ducks, dressed, per lb.	20 to 25
Chickens, per lb.	20 to 25
Chickens, per lb., live weight	12 1/2 to 15

Births, Marriages, Deaths

BORN.

WILSON—On the 17th inst., the wife of Charles E. Wilson, of Heywood avenue, of a son.

DIED.

SKINNER—On the 18th inst., Emily, youngest daughter of the late Thomas Skinner of Esquimalt and Quamichan, at the residence of her brother, R. J. Skinner, Vancouver.
The remains will be brought to Victoria and funeral announced later.

CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. Dudgeon and family wish to extend their most heartfelt thanks for the kindness shown by their many friends during their late bereavement.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

(Too late for Classification)

FOR SALE—Two fresh calves cows; good enough for anybody; at Market Stables, on Friday, 20th.

FOR SALE—Young cow, milking 1502 Penbrooke street.

FOR ALL FEMALE ILLS use Balm of CANDY KITCHEN—The B. C. Candy Kitchen, 636 Fort street, makers home-made candies.

WANTED—An experienced housekeeper wants position; highest references. Box 500 Colonist.

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WORK REQUIRED—By respectable person, week, day or month. Daily \$1.50 to \$2.00. Thoroughly good cook and housekeeper; fond of children. No washing. Mrs. T. 20 Douglas street.

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GOOD PAY—Men wanted everywhere to tack signs, distribute circulars, samples, etc. No canvassing. National Dist. Bureau, Chicago, Ill.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the Matter of the Estate of James Elphinstone McMillan, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that all creditors and others having claims against the estate of James Elphinstone McMillan, who died on or about the 13th day of August, 1907, are required on or before the 28th day of December, 1907, to send by prepaid post or to deliver to the undersigned solicitor for John Pope Burgess, the executor of the last will and testament of said deceased their claims against the estate of the said deceased, duly verified by statutory declaration.

And further take notice that after such last mentioned date the executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he then has notice, and the said executor will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claims notice shall not have been received by him at the time of such distribution.

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THE NORTHERN BANK
DIVIDEND NO. 2

Notice is hereby given that a dividend at the rate of five per cent per annum upon the Paid Up Capital Stock of this institution has been declared for the half year ending 31st December, 1907, and that the same will be payable at its Banking House in this City and at all of its Branches on and after the Second Day of January next to the shareholders of record of the Fifteenth Day of December, 1907.

By order of the Board.
J. W. de C. O'GRADY,
General Manager.

Winnipeg, 25th November, 1907.

Prices of Metals
New York, Dec. 18.—Pig iron quiet. Copper weak. Lead weak. \$23.50. Tin easy, straights \$25.37 1/2 @ \$26.50. Spelter weak.

Wheat in Winnipeg
Winnipeg, Dec. 18.—A very strong market to open was a weak one to close. Cables were up 2d. for Liverpool and 1 1/4 cent on the continent, and during the early hour shorts covered freely, and there was a good speculative trade, with all news strongly bullish, the only bear factor being heavy selling by Finlay Barrett, who was reported as having parted with over 2,000,000 bushels late in the morning. Snow was out with a most bullish report on corn. About noon the markets began to break, and the bears hammered hard from then until the close, and succeeded in breaking the market all the way from 20 1/2¢ from the high point of the morning. In Winnipeg, where trading was heavier than it has been for some days. May sold up to 114 1/2¢, and closed at 113 1/2¢ or 3/4 under Tuesday, while July broke 1 cent from the high point, and closed 1 cent under Tuesday. Receipts were light and principally of a low grade. In Chicago May sold up to 107 and broke to 104 1/4 or 3/4 under Tuesday. July sold up to 100 and broke to 98. In Minneapolis May sold at 112 1/2¢ or 3/4 and broke to 110 1/2¢, and July sold at 113 1/4 and broke to 111 1/2¢. The decline, especially in view of the corn situation, is regarded as temporary.

Hanged Himself
Toronto, Dec. 17.—The body of Geo. Markworth was found tonight hanging behind his door at the Elgin apartments on King Street. He had been drinking heavily of late.

Dead on Street
Toronto, Dec. 17.—Joseph Giles, aged 60, dropped dead of apoplexy at the corner of Arthur Street and Palmer Street, while returning from work tonight.

Lumber Wages Reduced
Toronto, Dec. 17.—A substantial reduction in wages, which applies to all camps, has been ordered by the lumber companies. Last year the wages ranged from \$25 to \$35 per month; now the highest wage is \$28, this being paid to teamsters and top loaders.

Where one can get the Real Semi-ready Type B.

Of the seven distinct types of Semi-ready Tailoring Type B has the largest sale, for it is the type of the Average Man.

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Semi-ready Business Suits, Sacks and Morning Coat styles.
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CITY WILL CONDUCT EMPLOYMENT BUREAU

Will Afford Chance for Employer and Unemployed to Get Together

With a view of bringing together the employer and the man seeking employment, and making it easier for those seeking work and affording the man looking for help to find it with the least possible delay and trouble, a public employment bureau will be opened in the city hall. The suggestion that something along this line should be done was made by A. Johnson, vice-president of the Victoria Exclusion League, at a meeting of that organization held at Spring Ridge on Tuesday evening.

Mayor Morley some time ago made a similar suggestion to the provincial government. His idea was that such bureaus should be opened in all the leading cities and towns of the province, so that those requiring help could readily get into touch with those seeking employment.

There is no thought of affording charity to such as are out of employment and all seeking the medium of the bureau must be willing to work. Until the first of the year the bureau will be under the personal supervision of the mayor, and if it proves a success other steps will be taken towards its conduct.

At the meeting held at Spring Ridge Mayor Morley, in answer to questions, stated that at present all local residents are finding work, about 300 being on the city pay roll. Owing to the lack of equipment, no more than this number could very well be kept at work, though he thought that it would be possible to keep this number at work throughout the winter.

MUSIC AND DRAMA

"Uncle Tom's Cabin" Saturday.
The survival of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" at the dawn of the twentieth century is something to marvel over, but it is an assured fact. The elaborate renovation of the old play by Manager Washburn, of the Stetson company, in a new pictorial dress, with up-to-date methods plentifully displayed throughout its half-dozen acts, judging from the box office receipts wherever this company plays, furnishes ample proof that "Uncle Tom's Cabin" is still potent. Special scenery for every scene depicted, enlarged choruses of genuine negroes from the cotton belt, modern up-to-date specialties, two male and female quartettes, a band of Alabama pickaninies, a gorgeous cakewalk. In a pretty setting entitled "The Palace of Silver Hat," improved light effects and mechanical illusions, will be seen in the Stetson production of this famous play. The presenting company in some instances is a double one, and contains the names of numerous foot-light favorites. The street parade is said to be the longest, richest and best ever given by a theatrical company. The Stetson company is booked at the Victoria theatre on Saturday next matinee and night.

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Y. W. C. A. GRAND CONCERT
VICTORIA OPERA HOUSE.
Dec. 19, Thursday Evening
Leipzig Quartette under direction of Mr. Benedict Bantley.
PRICE \$1.00

Victoria THEATRE
Saturday, Dec. 21st.
MATINEE AND NIGHT
Stetson's Original Big Double
Uncle Tom's Cabin
More Grand Novelties than Ever. Two Brass Bands and Orchestra. Col. Sawyer's Pack Squadron. Blood Hounds. Watch for the Big Street Parade.
Special Matinee Price 25c and 50c
Night Prices—25c, 50c, 75c. Box office opens Thursday, Dec. 19.

SHIPBUILDING ON CLYDE

A Bad Outlook for the Coming Year in the Scotch Shipyards

The outlook for the shipbuilding trade on the Clyde is bad indeed, according to recent advices. The writer of shipbuilding notes in Fairplay says: "We are on the eve of the dulllest period the shipbuilding industry has known for years. On the Clyde the yards will be a forest of bare poles almost before the year is out, and there is nothing to look forward to for next year. A leading shipbuilder has told me that he sees no alternative but to close his yard altogether at the end of the month, as what work he has on hand will be finished then. I hear of another shipbuilder, who, in his eagerness to secure an order to keep his place going, tendered for a special vessel at some £1,500 under the lowest possible cost of construction. He cut down costs to the barest minimum, and was prepared to accept a dead loss even upon that to secure the order. But he didn't get it—someone else cut lower—and will of course lose more. But what is to become of the thousands in the black squad and white squad who are being paid off week by week I do not know. The Boiler-maker's Society will soon have such an army of unemployed on out-of-work benefit that the funds will quickly run away. There has been far too much overbuilding, of course, during the last two or three years. But the reaction promises very hard times for both masters and men."

Preparing for Seed
Bethune, Sask., Dec. 17.—Some of the farmers of this locality are taking time by the forelock and preparing their land for spring seeding. Among the number, A. W. Dean, was seen harrowing his breaking one day recently. The mild weather of the first part of December left the ground to a large extent unfrozen.

Extradition Wanted.
Albany, N. Y., Dec. 17.—Governor Hughes has issued a requisition through the State department at Washington for the return to Buffalo of A. R. D. Paulding, under arrest in Toronto. Paulding is charged with having taken \$560 from a hotel in Buffalo where he was employed as night clerk.

To check a cold quickly, get from your druggist some little Candy Cold Tablets called Preventives. They are everywhere are now dispensing Preventives, for they are not only safe, but decidedly certain and prompt. Preventives contain no quinine, no laxative, no harsh nor sickening. Taken at the "sneeze stage" Preventives will prevent Pneumonia, Bronchitis, La Grippe, etc. Hence the name, Preventives. Good for feverish children. 48 Preventives, 25 cents. Trial boxes 5 cts. Sold by Cyrus H. Bowes.

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Our Own Orchestra
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Week Commencing Dec. 16, 1907

The Three Asnards, Premier Acrobats and Balancers.

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Billy "Swede" Hall and Jennie Colburn, in their character playlet "The Swede and the Happy Girl."

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\$13.50 TO \$25.00 CHINA TEA SETS FOR \$7.85

This is without doubt the best bargain we have offered so far, and for a gift nothing would be appreciated more than one of these fine sets. They consist of 40 pieces, in various styles of decorations, including the newest and most attractive floral designs, Dresden rose patterns, mazarine blue and gold, and the much favored crown Derby. The regular price, \$13.50 to \$25.00, **\$7.85** at 7.30 tonight, per set . . .

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